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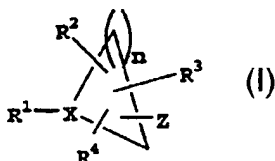
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(57) Abstract: Heterocyclic are provided which are sodium/proton exchange (NHE) in-  
hibitors which have the structure (I) wherein n is 1 to 5; X is N or C-R<sup>5</sup> wherein R<sup>5</sup> is H,  
halo, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl; Z is a heteroaryl group, R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup>  
and R<sup>4</sup> are as defined herein, and where X is N, R<sup>1</sup> is preferably aryl or heteroaryl, and  
are useful as antianginal and cardioprotective agents. In addition, a method is provided  
for preventing or treating angina pectoris, cardiac dysfunction, myocardial necrosis, and  
arrhythmia employing the above heterocyclic derivatives.

HETEROCYCLIC SODIUM/PROTON EXCHANGE  
INHIBITORS AND METHOD

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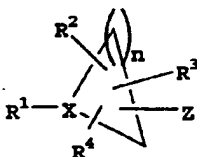
Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to heterocyclic  
 compounds which are sodium/proton exchange (NHE)  
 10 inhibitors and are useful as antianginal agents and  
 cardioprotective agents.

Brief Description of the Invention

In accordance with the present invention, novel  
 15 heterocyclic derivatives are provided which are  
 sodium/proton exchange (NHE) inhibitors and have the  
 structure I

I.



including pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof and  
 20 all stereoisomers thereof, and prodrugs thereof,

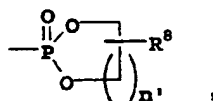
wherein n is an integer from 1 to 5;

X is N or C-R<sup>5</sup> wherein R<sup>5</sup> is H, halo, alkenyl,  
 alkynyl, alkoxy, alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;

Z is a heteroaryl and preferably is a heteroaryl  
 25 group containing 1 to 4 hetero atoms, at least one of  
 which is a nitrogen atom, the heteroaryl group being  
 attached to the rest of the molecule by way of an  
 available nitrogen or carbon atom;

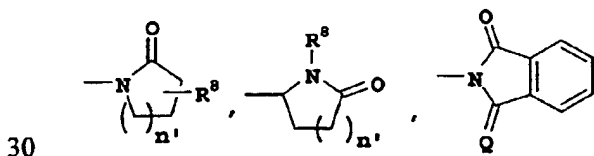
R<sup>1</sup> is H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy,  
 30 alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)<sub>3</sub>Si (where each  
 alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl,  
 cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino,  
 alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylalkylamino, aryl,

- arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylamino, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl,
- 5 heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl such as  $\text{CF}_3$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2$ , polyhaloalkyloxy such as  $\text{CF}_3\text{O}$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ , aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl, alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, alkynylsulfonylamino,
- 10 arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylamino, hydroxy, acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl,
- 15 arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy, heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro, alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino,
- 20 heteroarylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, alkenyloxycarbonylamino, alkynyloxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxycarbonylamino, aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy, 1,1-(alkoxy or aryloxy)<sub>2</sub>alkyl (where the two aryl or alkyl
- 25 substituents can be independently defined, or linked to one another to form a ring, such as 1,3-dioxane or 1,3-dioxolane),  $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkyl}$ ,



$\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkynyl}$ ,

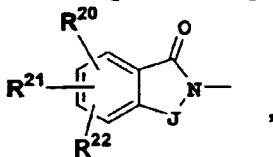
$\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{heteroaryl}$ ,  $-\text{NR}^8(\text{C}=\text{NCN})\text{-amino}$ , pyridine-N-oxide,



(where Q is O or H<sub>2</sub> and n' is 0,1,2 or 3 ) or  $\text{—}\overset{\text{NR}^8\text{R}^9}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}=\text{CH—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}\text{—R}^{8a}$ ;  
 tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl,  
 imidazole, oxazole or triazole;  $\text{—PO(R}^{13}\text{)(R}^{14}\text{)}$ , (where R<sup>13</sup>  
 and R<sup>14</sup> are independently alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy,  
 5 heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy,  
 heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl,  
 cycloheteroalkoxy, or cycloheteroalkylalkoxy);  
 R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>8a</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are independently hydrogen,  
 alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl,  
 10 cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl or cycloheteroalkyl.

The R<sup>1</sup> group may have from one to five  
 substituents, which can independently be any of the R<sup>1</sup>  
 groups set out above, and any of the preferred R<sup>1</sup>  
 substituents set out below, which substituents may be the  
 15 same or different from each other and may be the same or  
 different from the base R<sup>1</sup> group.

R<sup>1</sup> may be substituted with one or more of the  
 following preferred substituents: alkyl, alkylamino-  
 carbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl,  
 20 alkylcarbonylamino, heteroaryl, halo, aryl,  
 cycloalkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino,  
 heteroarylcarbonylamino, alkoxy carbonylamino, guanidinyl,  
 nitro, cycloheteroalkyl, aryloxy carbonylamino,  
 heteroaryloxy carbonylamino, uriedo (where the uriedo  
 25 nitrogens may be substituted with alkyl, aryl or  
 heteroaryl), heterocyclylcarbonylamino (where the  
 heterocycle is connected to the carbonyl group  
 via a nitrogen or carbon atom), alkylsulfonylamino,  
 arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino,



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Where J is:  $\text{CHR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{—}\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}}\text{—}$ ,  $\text{—}\overset{\text{R}^{24}}{\text{CH}}\text{—}\overset{\text{R}^{25}}{\text{CH}}\text{—}$  or  $\text{—}\overset{\text{R}^{24}}{\text{C}}=\overset{\text{R}^{25}}{\text{C}}\text{—}$  ;

R<sup>23</sup>, R<sup>24</sup> and R<sup>25</sup> are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloalkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl;

5 R<sup>20</sup>, R<sup>21</sup>, R<sup>22</sup> are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylmercapto, arylmercapto, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy or haloalkyl; and these preferred substituents may either be directly attached to R<sup>1</sup>, or attached via an alkylene chain at an  
10 open position.

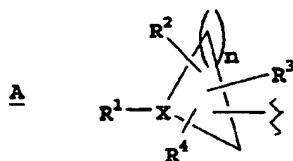
R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the same or different and are independently any of the groups set out for R<sup>1</sup> (and may be the same or different from R<sup>1</sup>) and may optionally include one to five substituents which include  
15 independently any of the substituents set out for R<sup>1</sup>, which may be the same or different.

The R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and/or R<sup>4</sup> groups can be attached to any of the carbons and/or to X which form the ring shown in formula I and, if desired, two of R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and/or R<sup>4</sup> may be  
20 attached to a single carbon atom.

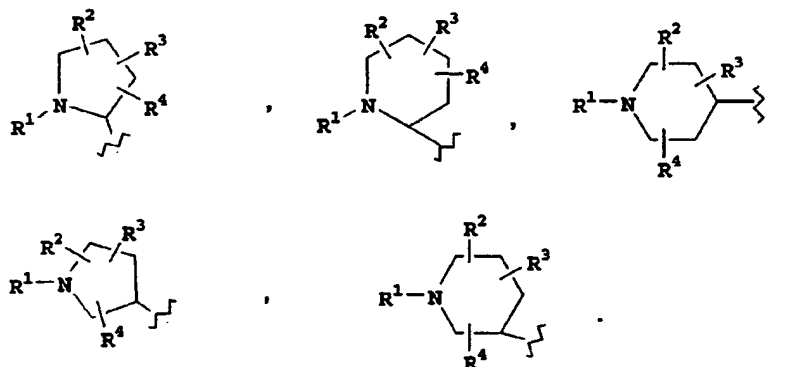
The R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and/or R<sup>4</sup> may be joined together with the N atom and/or carbons to which they are attached to form a non-aromatic carbocyclic ring (namely, a cycloalkyl or cycloalkenyl ring), a cycloheteroalkyl ring  
25 or a heteroaryl ring, which contains 5 to 10 ring members, preferably 5 to 7 ring members. In addition, one of R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> can make a fused non-aromatic carbocyclic ring, namely a cycloalkyl ring or cycloalkenyl ring, with R<sup>1</sup> via linkage at the position  
30 adjacent to the linkage of X and R<sup>1</sup>.

In the compounds of formula I where X is N, n is 4 (i.e., piperidine ring), and Z is imidazol-4-yl or 5-alkylimidazol-4-yl attached at the 4-position of the ring, then R<sup>1</sup> is other than phenyl or substituted phenyl.

The group A

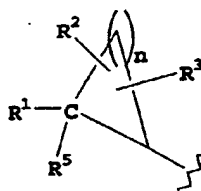


preferably includes, but is not limited to, the following structures



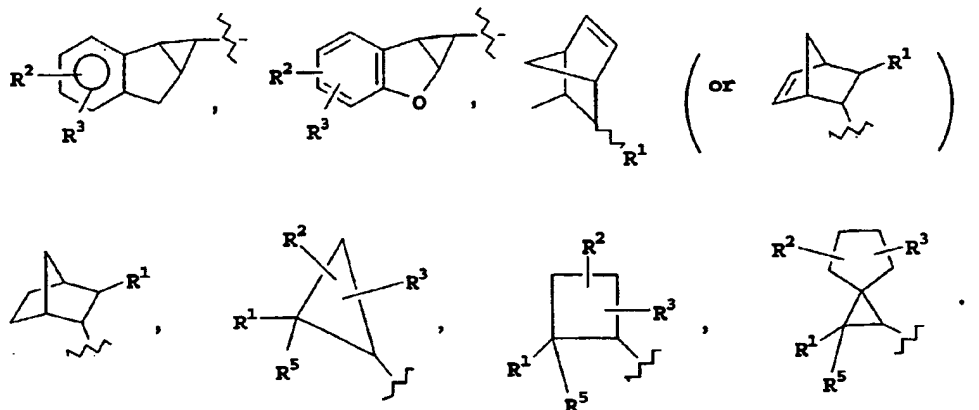
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Also preferred is



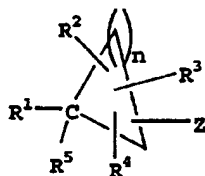
which preferably includes

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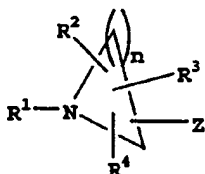


Thus, the compounds of formula I of the invention can have the following structural formulae:

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IB



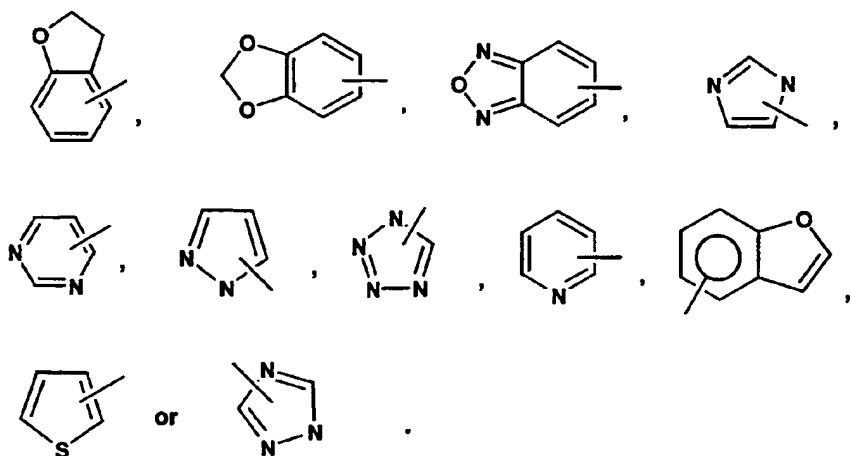
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It is preferred that at least one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl. It is also preferred that in IB (where X is N) R<sup>1</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl.

- Preferred are compounds of formula I of the invention wherein n is 1, 2, 3 or 4, more preferably 1 or 4; preferably X is CH or N; Z is preferably imidazole, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino(alkyl)imidazole, (alkanoylamino)imidazole, oxazole, thiazole, benzimidazole, aminothiazole, aminooxazole, aminooxadiazole, dialkylimidazole, alkyl(alkanoylamino)imidazole, alkyl(amino)imidazole, arylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkoxy carbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkylcarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, aminotriazole, or diaminopyrimidine, Z is more preferably imidazole, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, dialkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino(alkyl)imidazole and (acetylamino)imidazole; preferably R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently H, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, heteroaryl, or aryl; more preferably R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently H, lower alkyl, aryl, and heteroaryl; and R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are each H; and R<sup>1</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl such as phenyl, halophenyl, alkoxy(halo)phenyl, dihalophenyl, arylheteroaryl, alkylphenyl, nitrophenyl, dialkoxyphenyl, alkoxyphenyl,

trifluoromethylphenyl, biphenyl, alkylthiophenyl, halo(nitro)phenyl, trialkoxyphenyl, halo(dialkoxy)phenyl, alkylcarbonylaminophenyl, phenylalkyl such as benzyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran

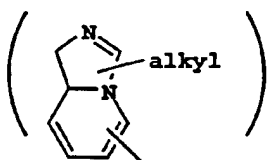
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Preferred examples of R<sup>1</sup> groups include phenyl, substituted phenyl such as 4-bromophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 3,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-nitrophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 2,3-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-biphenyl, 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-methylthiophenyl, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-chloro-3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-nitrophenyl, benzyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-bromo-4-fluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl, 3-chloro-4-nitrophenyl, 2-fluoro-4-bromophenyl, 3-ethoxyphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-(N-pyrrolyl)phenyl, 3-(N-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl, 3-(N-pyrazolinyl)phenyl, 3-(N-imidazolyl)phenyl, phenyltetrazole, 1-(2,4-dihalo-5-alkoxyphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, alkylphenyltetrazole, halophenyltetrazole, 1-(2-alkoxy-5-halophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-alkyl-4-



halophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, alkoxyphenyltetrazole,  
alkyl(halo)phenyltetrazole, alkoxy(halo)phenyltetrazole,  
alkoxy(alkyl)(halo)phenyltetrazole, phenyl-alkyl-  
pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, halophenyl-alkyl-  
5 pyrazole, alkyl(halo)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkylphenyl-  
alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxy(halo)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole,  
alkoxy(alkyl)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, dihalophenyl-alkyl-  
pyrazole, dialkylphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl-  
alkyl-pyrazole, halophenyl-haloalkyl-pyrazole,  
10 alkoxyphenyl(alkyl)(halo)pyrazole, phenylpyrimidine,  
phenyl(halo)pyrimidine, diphenylpyrimidine,  
halophenyl(halo)pyrimidine, dihalopyrimidine,  
diphenyl(halo)pyrimidine, halo(phenyl)pyrimidine,  
dialkyl(halo)pyrimidine, dihalophenylpyrimidine,  
15 alkylphenylpyrimidine, alkoxyphenylpyrimidine,  
alkylphenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine,  
dialkylphenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine,  
alkyl(halo)phenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine,  
alkoxy(halo)phenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine,  
20 dihalophenyl(dialkylamino)pyrimidine,  
heteroaryl(dihalophenyl)pyrimidine, halophenylpyrimidine,  
alkoxy(phenyl)pyrimidine, haloalkoxyphenylpyrimidine,  
phenoxy(phenyl)pyrimidine, heteroaryl(phenyl)pyrimidine,  
dialkoxyphenylpyrimidine, dialkylphenylpyrimidine,  
25 cycloheteroalkyl(phenyl)pyrimidine,  
alkoxy(halo)phenylpyrimidine,  
cycloheteroalkyl(dihalophenyl)pyrimidine,  
halophenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine,  
alkyl(halo)phenylpyrimidine, nitrophenylpyrimidine,  
30 dihalophenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, carboxyphenylpyrimidine,  
alkylcarbonylphenylpyrimidine, naphthylpyrimidine,  
alkylthiophenylpyrimidine, phenylpyridine,  
halophenylpyridine, alkyl(halo)phenylpyridine,  
dihalophenylpyridine, haloalkoxyphenylpyridine,  
35 alkyl(halophenyl)triazole, alkyl(halo)phenyl-(alkyl)-  
triazole, alkylimidazopyridine



phenylimidazopyridine, halophenylimidazopyridine,  
dihalophenylimidazopyridine, alkoxyphenylimidazopyridine.

Preferred specific examples or R<sup>1</sup> groups include

- 5 3-chlorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-4-yl, 2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl, 3-phenyl-4-fluorophenyl, 3-methoxy-6-fluorophenyl, 2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl, 3-chloro-5-methoxyphenyl, 3-ethyl-4-fluorophenyl, 1-phenyltetrazol-
- 10 5-yl, 3-(2-fluorophenylcarbonylamino)pyridin-2-yl, 1-(2,4-dichloro-5-methoxyphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chloro-4-methyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-methylphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,
- 15 1-(2-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-5-chloro)tetrazol-5-yl, 2-(propylcarbonylamino)phenyl, 1-(3-methyl-4-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl,
- 20 1-(3-methoxyphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-fluorophenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 25 1-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-ethylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chloro-4-methylphenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(2,4-dimethylphenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 30 1-(3-trifluoromethylphenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-trifluoromethylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-methylphenyl)-3-methylpyrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-chlorophenyl)-3-ethylpyrazol-5-yl, 5-(3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,

- 5- (2-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-methylphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-trifluoromethylphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5 5- (2,5-dimethylphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3,4-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2,3-dimethylphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2-methoxy-5-fluorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
10 5- (3-methyl-4-fluorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
3- (3-methyl-4-fluorophenyl)pyridin-2-yl,  
3- (3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl)pyridin-2-yl,  
3- (3-trifluoromethoxyphenyl)pyridin-2-yl,  
5- (3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl) -2-methoxy-pyrimidin-4-yl,  
15 5- (3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl) -2-dimethylamino-pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl) -2-morpholinyl-pyrimidin-4-yl,  
1- (3-chlorophenyl) -3-methyltriazol-5-yl,  
1- (3-chloro-4-methylphenyl) -3-methyltriazol-5-yl,  
20 5- (2,5-dichlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-trifluoromethoxyphenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2-chlorophenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-chlorophenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
25 5- (3-trifluoromethylphenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2,4-dichlorophenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-methylphenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (2,5-dimethylphenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
5- (3-methyl-4-fluorophenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl.  
30 Preferred specific examples of Z groups include  
2-amino-5-methyl-imidazol-4-yl, 2,5-dimethylimidazol-4-yl,  
2-amino-5-ethyl-imidazol-4-yl, 2-amino-5-isopropyl-  
imidazol-4-yl, 2-aminocarbonylamino-5-methyl-imidazol-4-yl,  
5-methyl-imidazol-4-yl, imidazol-4-yl, or 4-  
35 methylimidazol-5-yl.

In addition, in accordance with the present invention, a method for preventing, inhibiting or

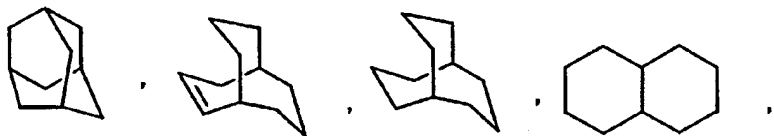
treating angina (stable or unstable), cardiac  
dysfunction, myocardial necrosis, and arrhythmia is  
provided, wherein a compound of formula I is administered  
in a therapeutically effective amount which inhibits  
5 sodium/proton exchange.

#### Detailed Description of the Invention

The following definitions apply to the terms as  
used throughout this specification, unless otherwise  
10 limited in specific instances.

Unless otherwise indicated, the term "lower alkyl",  
"alkyl" or "alk" as employed herein alone or as part of  
another group includes both straight and branched chain  
hydrocarbons, containing 1 to 40 carbons, preferably 1 to  
15 20 carbons, more preferably 1 to 12 carbons, in the  
normal chain, such as methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl,  
butyl, t-butyl, isobutyl, pentyl, hexyl, isohexyl,  
heptyl, 4,4-dimethylpentyl, octyl, 2,2,4-trimethylpentyl,  
nonyl, decyl, undecyl, dodecyl, the various additional  
20 branched chain isomers thereof, and the like as well as  
such groups including 1 to 4 substituents which may be  
any of the  $R^1$  or the  $R^2$  substituents set out herein.

Unless otherwise indicated, the term "cycloalkyl"  
as employed herein alone or as part of another group  
25 includes saturated or partially unsaturated (containing 1  
or 2 double bonds) cyclic hydrocarbon groups containing 1  
to 3 rings, including monocyclicalkyl, bicyclicalkyl and  
tricyclicalkyl, containing a total of 3 to 20 carbons  
forming the rings, preferably 4 to 12 carbons, forming  
30 the ring and which may be fused to one aromatic ring as  
described for aryl, which include cyclopropyl,  
cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cycloheptyl,



any of which groups may be optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents which may be any of the R<sup>1</sup> groups, or the R<sup>1</sup> substituents set out herein.

The term "cycloalkenyl" as employed herein alone or  
5 as part of another group refers to cyclic hydrocarbons containing 5 to 20 carbons, preferably 6 to 12 carbons and 1 or 2 double bonds. Exemplary cycloalkenyl groups include cyclopentenyl, cyclohexenyl, cycloheptenyl, cyclooctenyl, cyclohexadienyl, and cycloheptadienyl,  
10 which may be optionally substituted as defined for cycloalkyl.

The term "aryl" as employed herein alone or as part of another group refers to monocyclic and bicyclic aromatic groups containing 6 to 10 carbons in the ring  
15 portion (such as phenyl or naphthyl including 1-naphthyl and 2-naphthyl) and may optionally include one to three additional rings fused to a carbocyclic ring or a heterocyclic ring (such as aryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl rings) and may be optionally  
20 substituted through available carbon atoms with 1, 2, 3, or 4 groups selected from hydrogen, halo, haloalkyl, alkyl, haloalkyl, alkoxy, haloalkoxy, alkenyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, alkynyl, cycloalkyl-alkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, aryl,  
25 heteroaryl, arylalkyl, aryloxy, aryloxyalkyl, arylalkoxy, arylthio, arylazo, heteroarylalkyl, heteroarylalkenyl, heteroarylheteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, hydroxy, nitro, cyano, amino, substituted amino wherein the amino includes 1 or 2 substituents (which are alkyl, aryl or  
30 any of the other aryl compounds mentioned in the definitions), thiol, alkylthio, arylthio, heteroarylthio, arylthioalkyl, alkoxyarylthio, alkylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, alkyl-aminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy,  
35 arylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, aminosulfonylphenyl, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfinylalkyl,

arylsulfonylamino or arylsulfonaminocarbonyl or any of the R<sup>1</sup> groups or the R<sup>1</sup> substituents set out herein.

The term "aralkyl", "aryl-alkyl" or "aryllower alkyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group  
5 refers to alkyl groups as discussed above having an aryl substituent, such as benzyl or phenethyl, or naphthylpropyl, or an aryl as defined above.

The term "lower alkoxy", "alkoxy", "aryloxy" or "aralkoxy" as employed herein alone or as part of another  
10 group includes any of the above alkyl, aralkyl or aryl groups linked to an oxygen atom.

The term "amino" as employed herein alone or as part of another group may optionally be independently substituted with one or two substituents, which may be  
15 the same or different, such as alkyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, haloalkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or thioalkyl. These substituents may be further substituted with a carboxylic  
20 acid or any of the R<sup>1</sup> groups or R<sup>1</sup> substituents thereof as set out above. In addition, the amino substituents may be taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached to form 1-pyrrolidinyl, 1-piperidinyl, 1-azepinyl, 4-morpholinyl, 4-thiamorpholinyl, 1-  
25 piperazinyl, 4-alkyl-1-piperazinyl, 4-arylalkyl-1-piperazinyl, 4-diarylalkyl-1-piperazinyl, 1-pyrrolidinyl, 1-piperidinyl, or 1-azepinyl, optionally substituted with alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, halo, trifluoromethyl or hydroxy.

30 The term "lower alkylthio", "alkylthio", "arylthio" or "aralkylthio" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes any of the above alkyl, aralkyl or aryl groups linked to a sulfur atom.

The term "lower alkylamino", "alkylamino",  
35 "arylamino", or "arylalkylamino" as employed herein alone or as part of another group includes any of the above

alkyl, aryl or arylalkyl groups linked to a nitrogen atom.

The term "acyl" as employed herein by itself or part of another group, as defined herein, refers to an

5 organic radical linked to a carbonyl  $\left( \begin{smallmatrix} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C} \end{smallmatrix} \right)$  group; examples of acyl groups include any of the  $R^1$  groups attached to a carbonyl, such as alkanoyl, alkenoyl, aroyl, aralkanoyl, heteroaroyl, cycloalkanoyl, cycloheteroalkanoyl and the like.

10 The term "alkanoyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to alkyl linked to a carbonyl group.

Unless otherwise indicated, the term "lower alkenyl" or "alkenyl" as used herein by itself or as part  
15 of another group refers to straight or branched chain radicals of 2 to 20 carbons, preferably 3 to 12 carbons, and more preferably 1 to 8 carbons in the normal chain, which include one to six double bonds in the normal chain, such as vinyl, 2-propenyl, 3-butenyl, 2-butenyl,  
20 4-pentenyl, 3-pentenyl, 2-hexenyl, 3-hexenyl, 2-heptenyl, 3-heptenyl, 4-heptenyl, 3-octenyl, 3-nonenyl, 4-decenyl, 3-undecenyl, 4-dodecenyl, 4,8,12-tetradecatrienyl, and the like, and which may be optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents, namely, halogen, haloalkyl, alkyl,  
25 alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, amino, hydroxy, heteroaryl, cycloheteroalkyl, alkanoylamino, alkylamido, arylcarbonylamino, nitro, cyano, thiol, alkylthio or any of the  $R^1$  groups, or the  $R^1$  substituents set out herein.

30 Unless otherwise indicated, the term "lower alkynyl" or "alkynyl" as used herein by itself or as part of another group refers to straight or branched chain radicals of 2 to 20 carbons, preferably 2 to 12 carbons and more preferably 2 to 8 carbons in the normal chain,  
35 which include one triple bond in the normal chain, such as 2-propynyl, 3-butynyl, 2-butynyl, 4-pentynyl, 3-pentynyl, 2-hexynyl, 3-hexynyl, 2-heptynyl, 3-heptynyl,

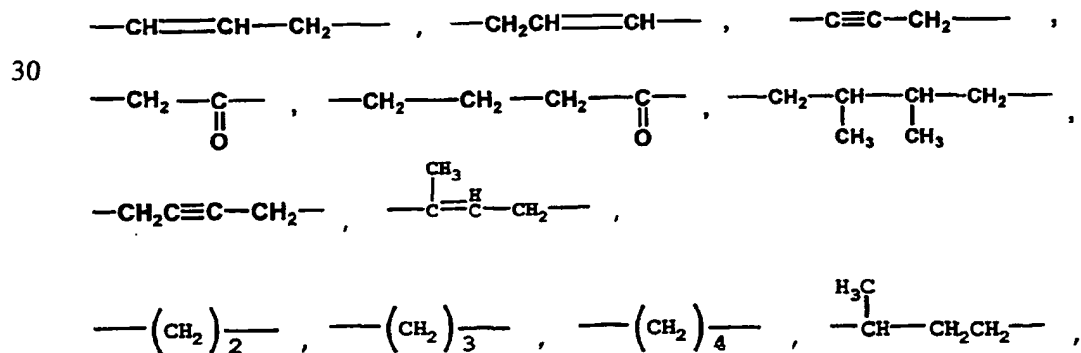
4-heptynyl, 3-octynyl, 3-nonyl, 4-decynyl, 3-undecynyl, 4-dodecynyl and the like, and which may be optionally substituted with 1 to 4 substituents, namely, halogen, haloalkyl, alkyl, alkoxy, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, amino, heteroaryl, cycloheteroalkyl, hydroxy, alkanoylamino, alkylamido, arylcarbonylamino, nitro, cyano, thiol, and/or alkylthio, or any of the  $R^1$  groups, or the  $R^1$  substituents set out herein.

Where alkyl groups as defined above have single bonds for attachment to other groups at two different carbon atoms, they are termed "alkylene" groups and may optionally be substituted as defined above for "alkyl".

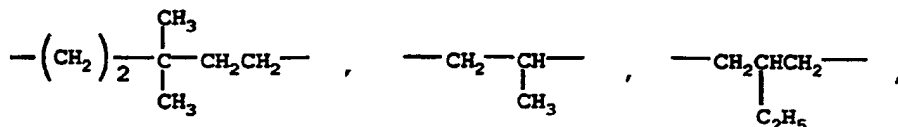
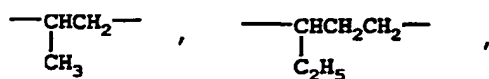
Where alkenyl groups as defined above and alkynyl groups as defined above, respectively, have single bonds for attachment at two different carbon atoms, they are termed "alkenylene groups" and "alkynylene groups", respectively, and may optionally be substituted as defined above for "alkenyl" and "alkynyl".

Suitable alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene groups, and  $(CH_2)_p$  groups, (where  $p$  is 1 to 8, preferably 1 to 5) (which may include alkylene, alkenylene or alkynylene groups) as defined herein, may optionally include 1, 2, or 3 substituents which include any of the  $R^1$  groups, or the  $R^1$  substituents set out herein.

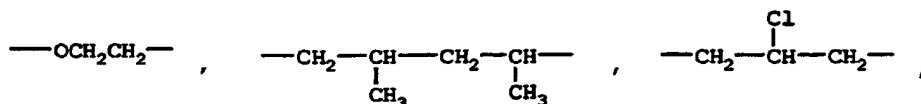
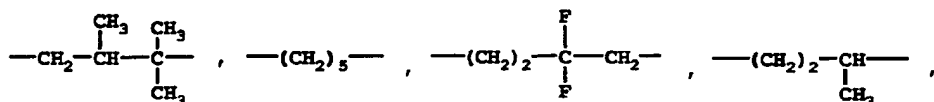
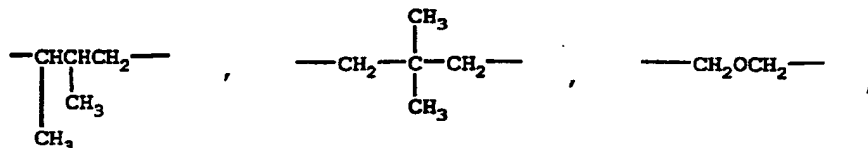
Examples of alkylene, alkenylene and alkynylene groups include



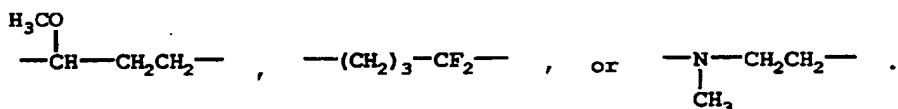
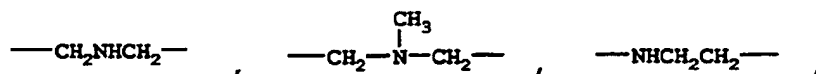




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The term "halogen" or "halo" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to chlorine, bromine, fluorine, and iodine as well as  $\text{CF}_3$ ,  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{CF}_2\text{H}$ ,  $\text{CFH}_2$ , with chlorine or fluorine being preferred.

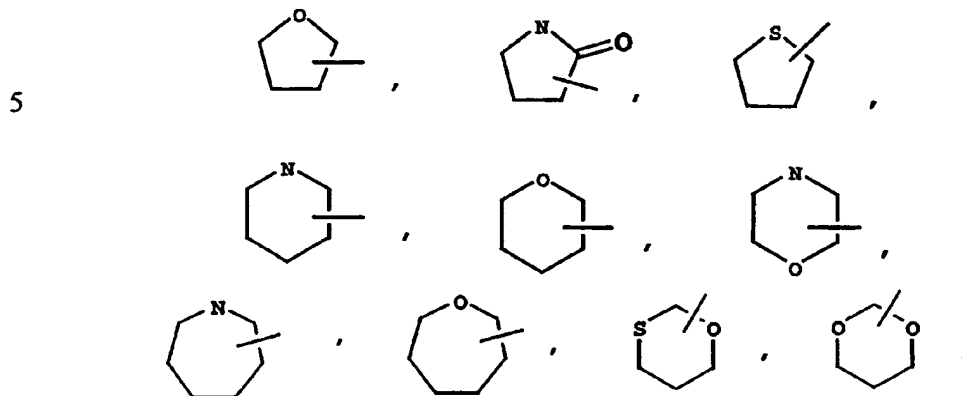
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The term "metal ion" refers to alkali metal ions such as sodium, potassium or lithium and alkaline earth metal ions such as magnesium and calcium, as well as zinc and aluminum.

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The term "cycloheteroalkyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to a 5-, 6- or 7-membered saturated or partially unsaturated ring which includes 1 to 2 hetero atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen and/or sulfur,

linked through a carbon atom or a heteroatom, where possible, optionally via the linker  $(CH_2)_p$  (which is defined above), such as



10 and the like. The above groups may include 1 to 4 substituents such as alkyl, halo, oxo and/or any of of the  $R^1$  groups, or the  $R^1$  substituents set out herein. In addition, any of the above rings can be fused to a cycloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl ring.

15 The term "heteroaryl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to a 5- or 6- membered aromatic ring which includes 1, 2, 3 or 4 hetero atoms such as nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, and such rings fused to an aryl, cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl

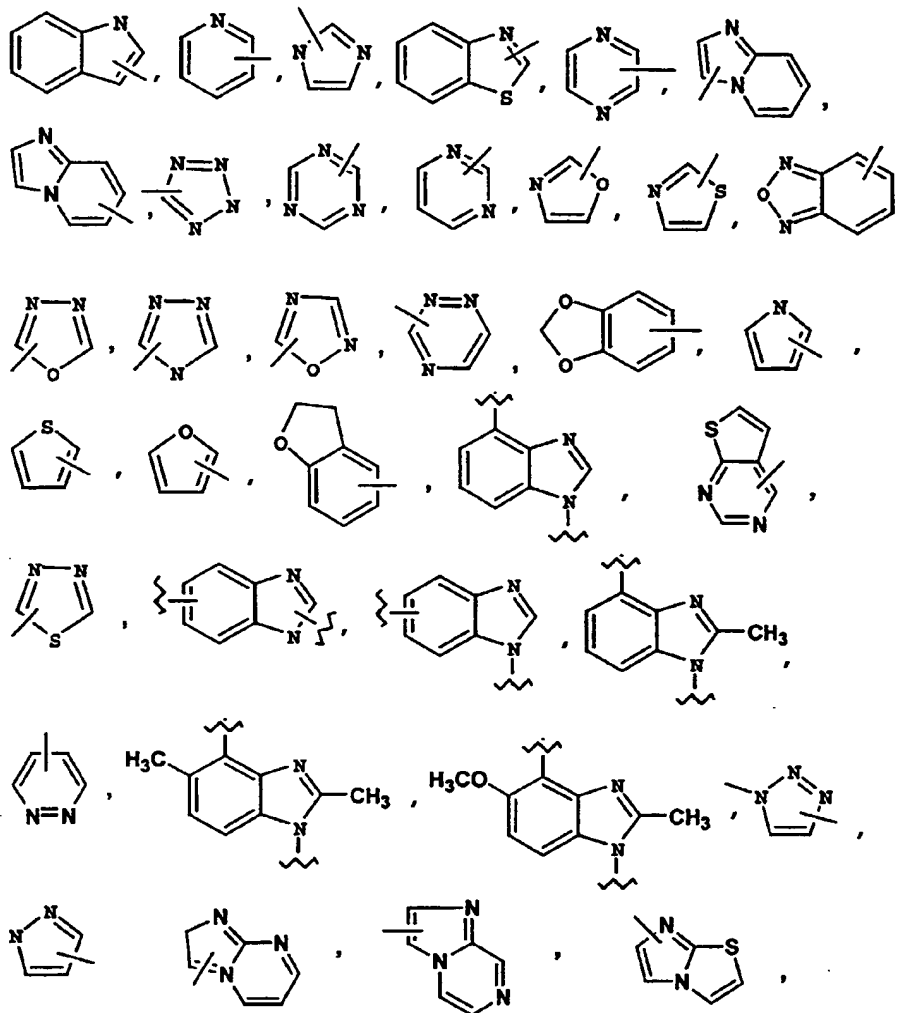
20 ring (e.g. benzothiophenyl, indolyl), and includes possible N-oxides. The heteroaryl group may optionally include 1 to 4 substituents such as any of the  $R^1$  groups or the  $R^1$  substituents set out above, for example, amino, alkoxy, alkylcarbonylamino, alkylthio, nitro, dialkyl,

25 halo, alkyl(alkanoylamino), alkyl(amino), alkyl(halo), arylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl), alkylcarbonylamino(alkyl), heteroaryl, heteroaryl(alkyl), alkyl, aryl, diaryl, diamino, guanidiny(alkyl), alkylthio(alkyl), amino(aryl), alkylcarbonylamino(aryl),

30 alkylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl), alkoxy carbonylamino(alkyl), heteroarylalkyl(alkyl), trifluoroalkyl(amino), aminocarbonylamino(alkyl),

arylcarbonylamino, arylheteroarylcarbonylamino,  
aryl(alkyl), alkylcarbonyloxyalkylcarbonylamino,  
cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkyl(aryl).

Examples of heteroaryl groups include the  
5 following:



and the like.

Preferred heteroaryl groups are imidazole, oxazole, thiazole, 1,2,3-triazole, 1,2,4-triazole, pyrazole and benzimidazole.

20           The term "cycloheteroalkylalkyl" as used herein  
alone or as part of another group refers to

cycloheteroalkyl groups as defined above linked through a C atom or heteroatom to a  $(CH_2)_p$  chain.

The term "heteroarylalkyl" or "heteroarylalkenyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to a heteroaryl group as defined above linked through a C atom or heteroatom to a  $-(CH_2)_p-$  chain, alkylene or alkenylene as defined above.

The term "heterocyclyl" as used herein alone or as part of another group refers to heteroaryl or cycloheteroalkyl.

The term "polyhaloalkyl" as used herein refers to an "alkyl" group as defined above which includes from 2 to 9, preferably from 2 to 5, halo substituents, such as F or Cl, preferably F, such as  $CF_3CH_2$ ,  $CF_3$  or  $CF_3CF_2CH_2$ .

The term "polyhaloalkyloxy" as used herein refers to an "alkoxy" or "alkyloxy" group as defined above which includes from 2 to 9, preferably from 2 to 5, halo substituents, such as F or Cl, preferably F, such as  $CF_3CH_2O$ ,  $CF_3O$  or  $CF_3CF_2CH_2O$ .

The compounds of formula I can be present as salts, in particular pharmaceutically acceptable salts. If the compounds of formula I have, for example, at least one basic center, they can form acid addition salts. These are formed, for example, with strong inorganic acids, such as mineral acids, for example sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid or a hydrohalic acid, with strong organic carboxylic acids, such as alkanecarboxylic acids of 1 to 4 carbon atoms which are unsubstituted or substituted, for example, by halogen, for example acetic acid, such as saturated or unsaturated dicarboxylic acids, for example oxalic, malonic, succinic, maleic, fumaric, phthalic or terephthalic acid, such as hydroxycarboxylic acids, for example ascorbic, glycolic, lactic, malic, tartaric or citric acid, such as amino acids, (for example aspartic or glutamic acid or lysine or arginine), or benzoic acid, or with organic sulfonic acids, such as  $(C_1-C_4)$ -alkyl- or aryl-sulfonic acids which are unsubstituted or

substituted, for example by halogen, for example methane-  
or p-toluene-sulfonic acid. Corresponding acid addition  
salts can also be formed having, if desired, an  
additionally present basic center. The compounds of  
5 formula I having at least one acid group (for example  
COOH) can also form salts with bases. Suitable salts  
with bases are, for example, metal salts, such as alkali  
metal or alkaline earth metal salts, for example sodium,  
potassium or magnesium salts, or salts with ammonia or an  
10 organic amine, such as morpholine, thiomorpholine,  
piperidine, pyrrolidine, a mono-, di- or tri-lower  
alkylamine, for example ethyl-, tert-butyl-, diethyl-,  
diisopropyl-, triethyl-, tributyl- or dimethyl-  
propylamine, or a mono-, di- or trihydroxy lower  
15 alkylamine, for example mono-, di- or triethanolamine.  
Corresponding internal salts may furthermore be formed.  
Salts which are unsuitable for pharmaceutical uses but  
which can be employed, for example, for the isolation or  
purification of free compounds I or their  
20 pharmaceutically acceptable salts, are also included.

Preferred salts of the compounds of formula I  
include monohydrochloride, hydrogensulfate,  
methanesulfonate, phosphate, nitrate or maleate.

All stereoisomers of the compounds of the instant  
25 invention are contemplated, either in admixture or in  
pure or substantially pure form. The compounds of the  
present invention can have asymmetric centers at any of  
the carbon atoms including any one of the R substituents.  
Consequently, compounds of formula I can exist in  
30 enantiomeric or diastereomeric forms or in mixtures  
thereof. The processes for preparation can utilize  
racemates, enantiomers or diastereomers as starting  
materials. When diastereomeric or enantiomeric products  
are prepared, they can be separated by conventional  
35 methods for example, chromatographic or fractional  
crystallization.

It should be understood that the present invention includes prodrug forms of the compounds of formula I such as alkylesters of acids or any of the prodrugs for guanidines disclosed in U.S. Application Serial No.

5 08/641,718, filed May 2, 1996, and in U.S. Patent No. 5,561,146 which are incorporated herein by reference.

The compounds of the instant invention may, for example, be in the free or hydrate form, and may be obtained by methods exemplified by the following  
10 descriptions.

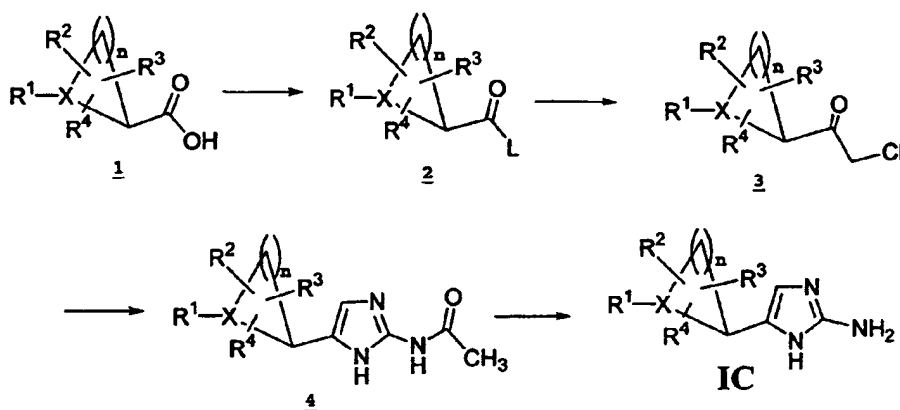
The compounds of formula I may be prepared by the preferred processes described in the following reaction schemes. Exemplary reagents and procedures for these reactions appear hereinafter and in the working Examples.

15 Compounds of formula I of the invention where Z is aminoimidazole can be prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acids by using the sequence of steps outlined in Scheme 1 set out below. Activation of carboxylic acid 1 with various activating reagents (e.g. 1,1'-  
20 carbonyldiimidazole (CDI), thionyl chloride, oxalyl chloride, and the like) (employing a molar ratio of activating agent:acid 1 within the range from about 1:1 to about 10:1) in an organic solvent such as THF or methylene chloride, convert acids 1 to 2. Subsequent  
25 treatment of the compound of formula 2 with excess diazomethane in dichloromethane (employing a molar ratio of diazomethane:2 within the range from about 1:1 to about 20:1) gives the compound of formula 3 after treatment with excess hydrochloric acid.

30 The compound of formula 3 is treated with acetylguanidine in DMF to provide acetylimidazole of the formula 4 which upon hydrolysis provides compounds of formula IC (T. L. Little, and S. E. Weber, J. Org. Chem. 59, 7299, 1994).

35 The carboxylic acid of formula 1 can either be commercially available or can be prepared by methods known in the art.

Scheme 1

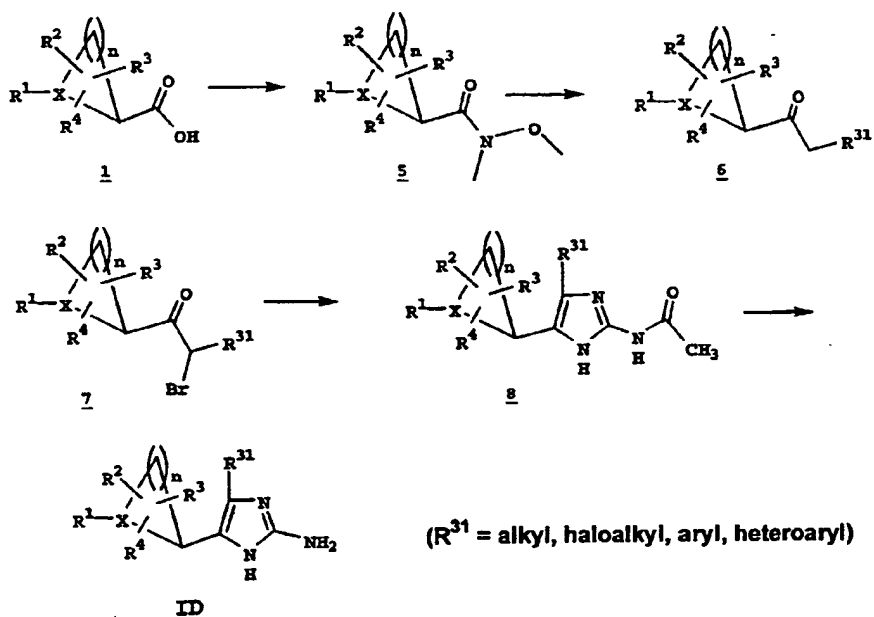


- 5 (L = a leaving group such as halide, alkoxy, aryloxy or imidazolyl).

Compounds of formula ID of the invention where Z is aminoimidazole or 5-substituted aminoimidazole can be prepared from the corresponding carboxylic acids by using the sequence of steps outlined in Scheme 2 set out below.

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Scheme 2

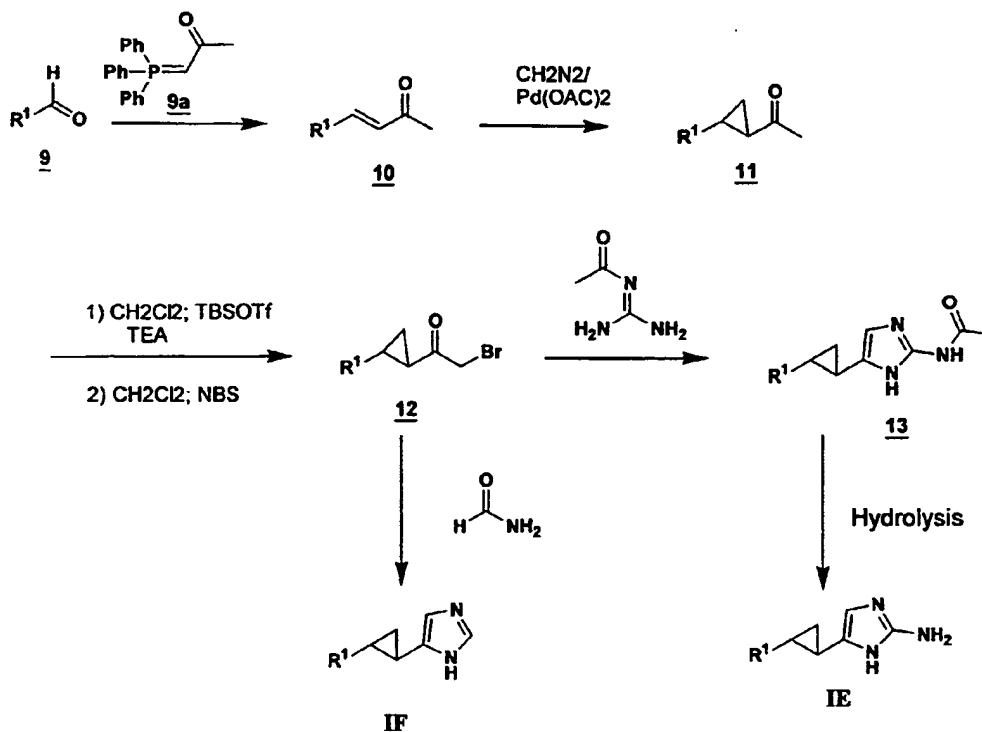


Coupling of the acid 1 with N,O-dimethyl-hydroxylamine using standard coupling reagents such as 1,1'-carbonyldiimidazole or PyBOP, affords the corresponding Weinreb amide 5 which can be converted to ketone 6 upon treatment with a Grignard reagent such as ethyl- or isopropylmagnesium bromide. The ketone 6 can be converted to the  $\alpha$ -bromoketone 7 by sequential treatment with lithium bis(trimethylsilyl)amide and N-bromosuccinimide. Alternatively, the bromide 7 can be prepared by treating 6 with Cu(II)Br<sub>2</sub> and hydroxy(tosyloxy)iodobenzene. The bromoketone 7 can be converted to the compound of formula ID via compound 8 as described for Scheme 1.

Compounds of formula I of the invention where n = 1 and X is other than nitrogen (e.g., arylcyclopropane) and Z is aminoimidazole (compounds of formula IE) or imidazole (compounds of formula IF) are prepared from the corresponding  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketones by using the sequence of steps outlined in Scheme 3. The unsaturated ketone 12 is prepared by Wittig reaction of aldehyde 9 with the ylide 9a to form 10. Cyclopropanation of 10 to form 11 followed by the formation of silyl enol ether and bromination with N-bromosuccinimide (NBS) affords 12. The bromoketone 12 can be transformed to compounds of formula IE as described for Scheme 1. Alternatively the bromoketone 12 can be converted to the compounds of the formula IF by heating with formamide.



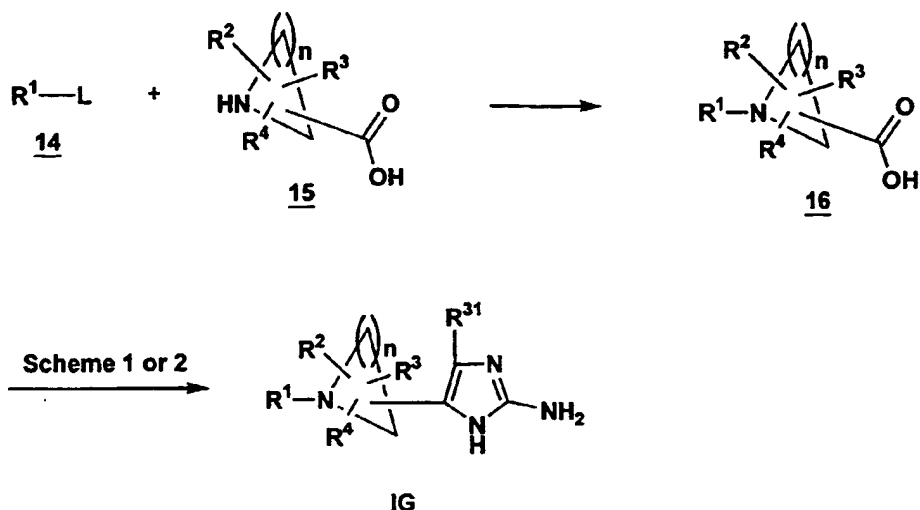
Scheme 3



The compounds of formula IG of the invention where X is nitrogen and Z is aminoimidazole can be prepared as outlined in Scheme 4. Compound of formula 14 wherein L is a leaving group (e.g., halide or triflate) is treated with an amine of formula 15 in the presence of a base (e.g., triethylamine, and ethyldiisopropylamine) in an organic solvent (such as DMF) to provide a compound of formula 16. Compound 16 is converted to the desired product IG as described for Schemes 1 or 2. The coupling of 14 and 15 to provide compounds of formula 16 can also be carried out in the presence of palladium catalysts by methods described in the literature (Wagaw, S. et al, J. Amer. Chem. Soc. 1997, Vol. 119, 8458 and references therein).

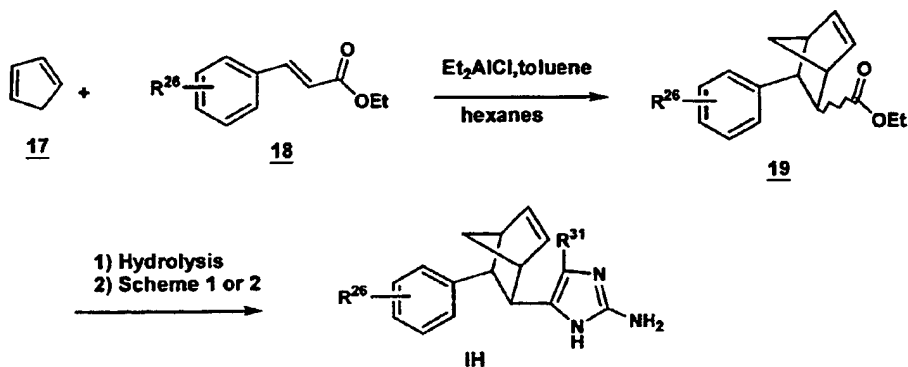
Compounds of formulae 14 and 15 are commercially available or they can be prepared by methods described in the literature.

## Scheme 4



Compounds of formula IH of the invention wherein  
 5 two of  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  taken together form a carbocyclic  
 ring and Z is aminoimidazole can be prepared according to  
 Scheme 5. The reaction of cyclopentadiene 17 with an  
 unsaturated ester of formula 18 in the presence of a  
 Lewis acid (diethylaluminum chloride, tin chloride etc.)  
 10 gives ester of formula 19 which can be hydrolysed to give  
 the corresponding acid and converted to the desired  
 compounds of formula IH by the method described in  
 Schemes 1 or 2. Compounds of formula 17 and 18 are  
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 15 methods described in the literature.

## Scheme 5

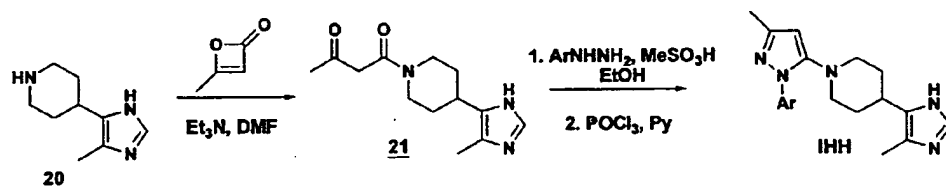


$R^{26}$  = halo, alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, cyano or nitro.

Certain compounds of the invention of Formula IHH where  $n = 4$ ,  $X = N$ ,  $Z =$  an imidazole ring and  $R^1$  is a 4-aryl- or heteroarylpyrazole ring can be prepared as outlined in Scheme 6. Coupling of **20** with diketene affords ketoamides **21** which is converted to IHH upon sequential treatment with various hydrazines and phosphorus oxytrichloride according to the procedure of Bouillon et al (J. P. Bouillon, C.Ates, Z.Janousek, H.G. Viehe, Tetrahedron Lett. 34, 1993, 5075)). Compound of the formula **20** can be synthesized as described by by Jegham, Samir et al (EP0507650).

# **Scheme 6**

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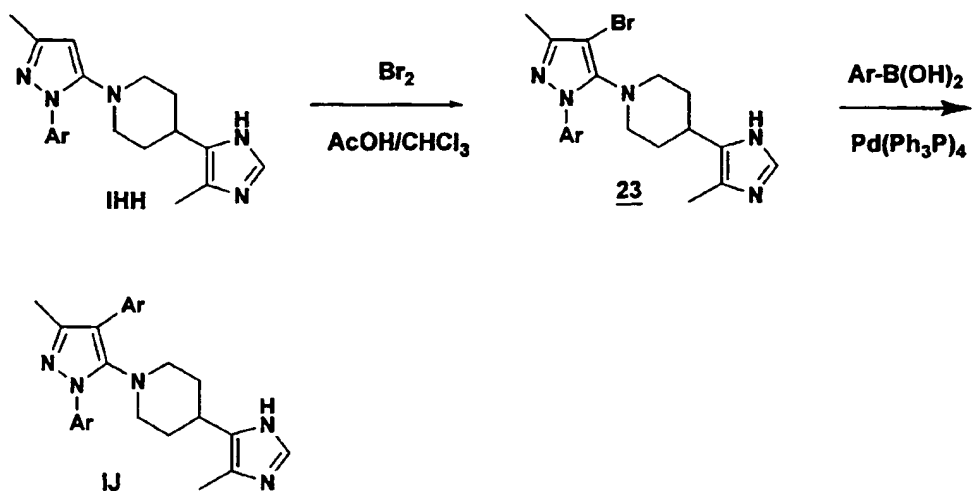


Ar = aryl, heteroaryl

Certain compounds of formula IJ where  $n = 4$ ,  $Z =$  an imidazole ring and  $R^1$  is a 4-aryl- or 4-heteroaryl-pyrazole ring can be prepared by the sequence of steps outlined in Scheme 7. Bromination of IHH affords **23** which can be converted to the compounds of Formula IJ via a coupling reaction with aryl or heteroaryl boronic acids.

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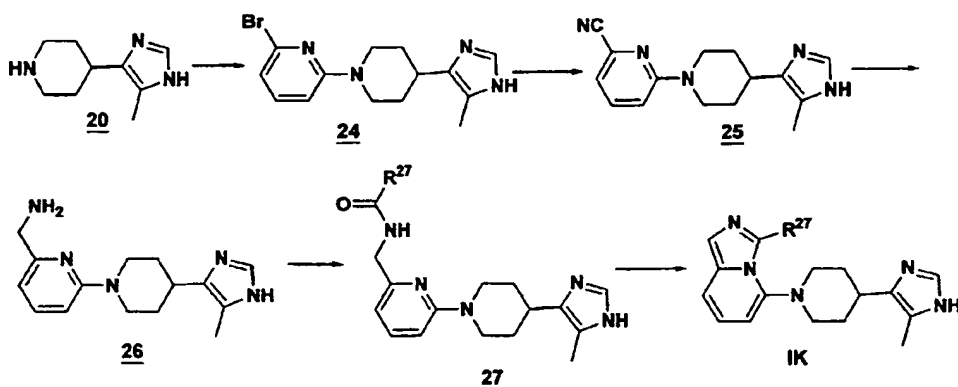
Scheme 7



Ar = aryl, heteroaryl

Compounds of formula IK where  $n = 4$ , Z = an  
 5 imidazole ring and  $\text{R}^1$  is an imidazopyridine ring are  
 prepared as outlined in Scheme 8. Coupling of compound  
 20 with 2,6-dibromopyridine affords compound 24 which is  
 converted to the nitrile 25 and the amine  
 26. Cyclization of 27 affords compounds of the formula  
 10 IK.

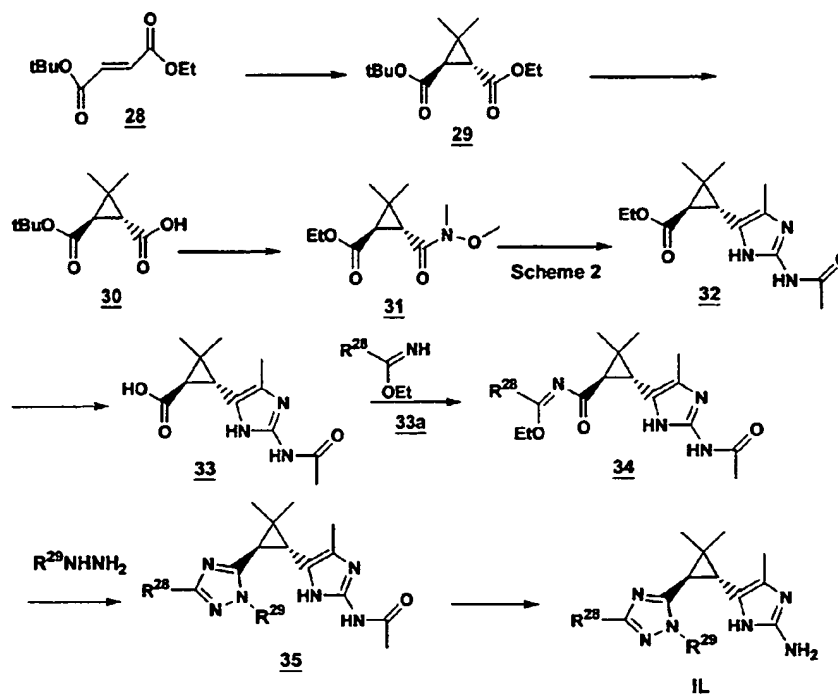
Scheme 8

 $\text{R}^{27}$  = alkyl, aryl

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Certain compounds of Formula IL where  $n = 1$ ,  $Z =$  aminoimidazole and  $R^1$  is a triazole ring are prepared by the sequence of steps outlined in Scheme 9. The amide **31** can be prepared from ethyl t-butyl fumarate via cyclopropanation (WO 9933460) followed by selective hydrolysis and coupling with N,O-dimethylhydroxylamine as described above for Scheme 2. The amide **31** is converted to the acetylaminoimidazole **32** as outlined in Scheme 2. Hydrolysis of the ester **32** followed by coupling of the resulting acid **33** with various imino esters **33a** affords **34**. Treatment of **34** with various hydrazines followed by hydrolysis affords compounds of the formula IL.

Scheme 9

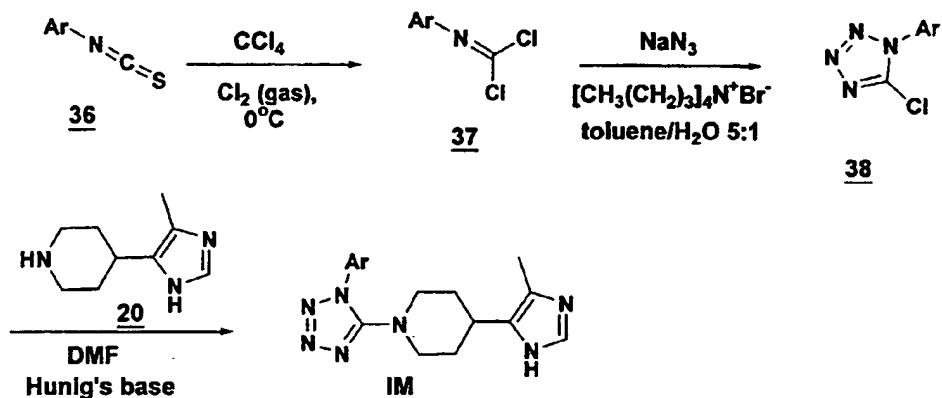


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Compounds of the Formula IM where  $n = 4$ ,  $Z =$  an imidazole ring and  $R^1$  is a tetrazole ring can be prepared as outlined in Scheme 10. The 5-chlorotetrazole intermediate **38** is prepared from the corresponding isothiocyanate **36** via the dichloroimine **37**. Coupling of

the tetrazole 38 with the piperidine 20 affords the compound of Formula IM.

5 **Scheme 10**

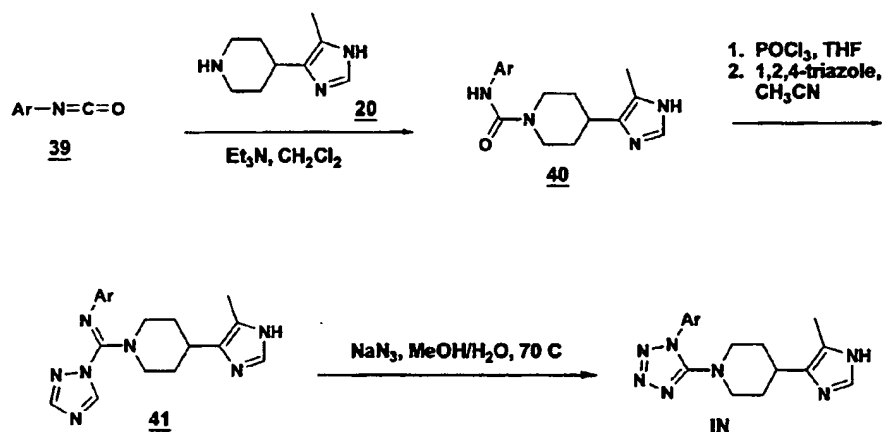


Ar = aryl, heteroaryl

Compounds of the Formula IN where  $n = 4$ , Z = an imidazole ring and  $R^1$  is tetrazole ring can also be prepared as outlined in Scheme 11. Compound 20 is treated with various isocyanates 39 to afford the corresponding urea 40. The urea 40 is converted to the compounds of Formula IN via the triazolyl intermediate 41.

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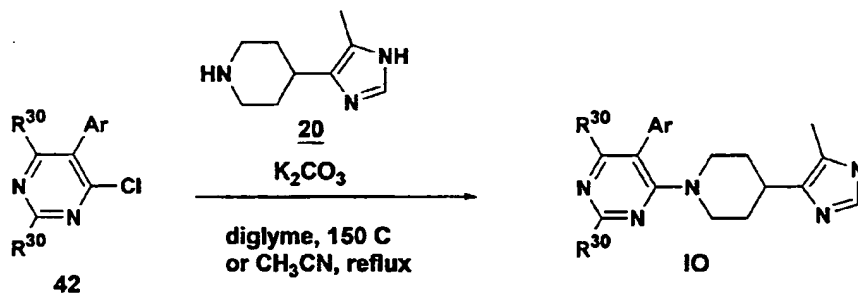
## Scheme 11



Ar = aryl, heteroaryl

Compounds of the Formula IO where  $n = 4$ , Z = an imidazole ring and  $\text{R}^1$  is a pyrimidine ring can be prepared as outlined in Scheme 12. The chloropyrimidines of formula **42** are either commercially available or are they can be prepared by methods known in the art.

## 10 Scheme 12



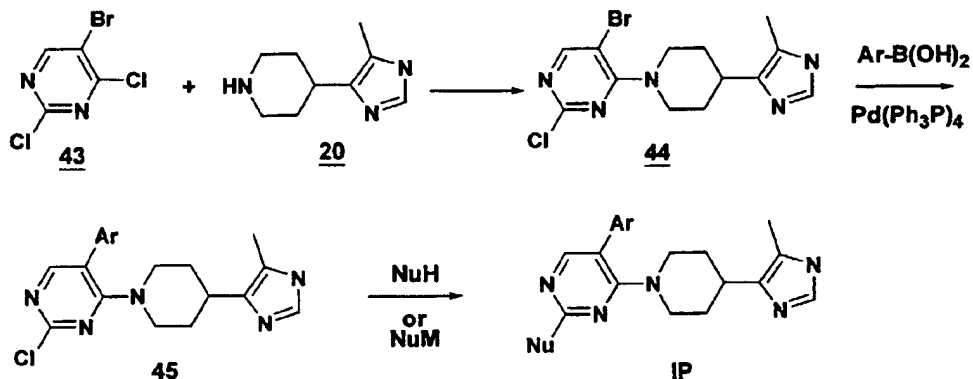
Ar = aryl, heteroaryl

 $\text{R}^{30}$  = alkyl, halo,

Certain compounds of the Formula IP where  $n = 4$ , Z = an imidazole ring and  $\text{R}^1$  is a pyrimidine ring are prepared as outlined in Scheme 13. The bromide **44** is prepared by coupling **43** with **20**. Coupling of the bromide **44** with various aryl or heteroaryl boronic acids in the presence of a Pd(0) catalyst affords **45** which is

converted to the compounds of the Formula IP by treatment with nucleophile NuH or NuM.

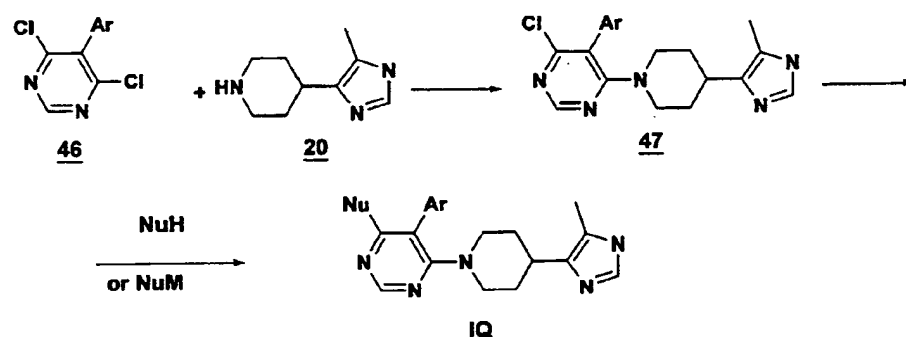
Scheme 13



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Certain compounds of the Formula IQ where n = 4, Z = an imidazole ring and R<sup>1</sup> is a pyrimidine ring are also prepared as outlined in Scheme 14. Coupling of 20 with 46 affords 47 which is converted as in Scheme 13 to the compounds of the Formula IQ.

Scheme 14



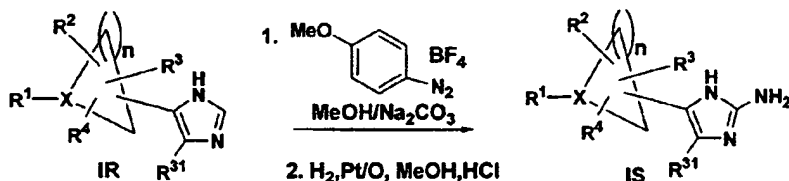
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Certain compounds of formula IS where Z is an aminoimidazole are also prepared from the corresponding



imidazoles IR (which may be prepared as outlined in Schemes 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) upon the 2 step amination procedure of Commercon et al (A. Commercon, C. Gueremy, Tetrahedron Lett. 32, 1993, 1419) outlined in Scheme 15.

Scheme 15



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Compounds of formula I wherein Z is an imidazole other than the imidazolyl or aminoimidazolyl groups described above can be prepared from the carboxylic acid precursor by methods known in the art such as those described in Novel Functional M<sub>1</sub> Selective Muscarinic Agonists. Synthesis and Structure - Activity Relationships of 3-(1,2,5-Thiadiazolyl)-1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-1-methylpyridines. Sauerberg, P. et al, J. Medicinal Chemistry, 1992, Vol. 35, 2274-2283;

20 Tetrahydropyridyloxadiazoles: Semirigid Muscarinic Ligands, Showell, G.A. et al, J. Medicinal Chemistry, 1991, Vol. 34, 1086-1094;

Azabicyclic Esters and Oxadiazoles as Receptor Ligands, Orlek, et al, J. Medicinal Chemistry, 1991, Vol. 34, 2726-2735, and references therein.

Other compounds of formula I wherein Z is imidazolyl or a substituted imidazolyl can be prepared according to methods described in the literature such as those in Comprehensive Heterocyclic Chemistry, Vol. 5, part 4A, Editor Kevin T. Potts, Pergamon Press;

30 Synthesis and Reactions of Lithiated Monocyclic Azoles Containing Two or More Heteroatoms, Part IV, Imidazoles, Iddon, B; Ngochindo, RI, Heterocycles 1994, Vol. 38, 2487-2568;

Advances in Imidazole Chemistry, Grimmett, M.R.,  
Advances in Heterocyclic Chemistry, 1970, Vol. 12, 103-  
183;

Bioisosteric Prototype Design of Biaryl Imidazolyl  
5 and Triazolyl Competitive Histamine H<sub>2</sub>- Receptor  
Antagonists, Lipinski, C.A., LaMattina, J.L., Oates,  
P.J., J. Medicinal Chemistry 1986, Vol. 29, 2154-2163.

The above schemes as shown fix the position of the  
heterocyclic (e.g. imadazole) moiety relative to the  
10 group B. However, it will be understood that these  
schemes apply to preparing compounds of formula I of the  
invention wherein the heterocyclic moiety may be attached  
at any of the ring positions of the group A.

The compounds of formula I of the invention exhibit  
15 Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> exchange inhibitory activity, and hence, are  
useful for treating or preventing disorders caused by  
intracellular acidosis during myocardial ischemia, such  
as cardiac dysfunction, myocardial necrosis, arrhythmia,  
reperfusion injury, and the like which are observed in  
20 ischemic heart diseases (e.g., myocardial infarction and  
angina pectoris).

Thus, compounds of formula I of the invention may  
be used as antiischemic agents, i.e., for the treatment  
of ischemic conditions including acute and chronic  
25 ischemic conditions such as myocardial ischemia, cerebral  
ischemia, peripheral vascular diseases or disorders  
including lower limb ischemia, peripheral atherosclerotic  
disease, tissue ischemia and intermittent claudication,  
LeRiches Syndrome and Raynaud's disease. Thus, a  
30 composition containing one (or a combination) of the  
compounds of this invention, may be administered to a  
species of mammal (e.g., humans, dogs or cats) suffering  
from an ischemic condition or any of the conditions set  
out above.

35 A single dose, or two to four divided daily doses,  
provided on a basis of about 0.001 to about 100 mg per  
kilogram of body weight per day, preferably about 0.1 to  
about 25 mg per kilogram of body weight per day is

appropriate. The substance is preferably administered orally, but parenteral routes such as the subcutaneous, intramuscular, intravenous or intraperitoneal routes or any other suitable delivery system, such as intranasal or  
5 transdermal routes can also be employed.

As a result of the  $\text{Na}^+/\text{H}^+$  exchange inhibiting activity of the compounds of this invention, these compounds are also useful in the treatment of cardiovascular disorders. For example, compounds of the  
10 present invention are useful as therapy for congestive heart failure, therapy for peripheral vascular disorders (e.g., intermittent claudication and Raynaud's Disease), therapy for hypertension, as anti-anginal agents, as antifibrillatory agents, and in limiting myocardial  
15 infarction.

Compounds of the present invention are additionally expected to be useful in the treatment of cerebral ischemia (e.g., stroke).

As a result of the  $\text{Na}/\text{H}$  exchange inhibiting  
20 activity, the compounds of this invention can also be used for the treatment of diseases associated with proliferation of smooth muscle cells, mesangial cells, and fibroblasts. Such diseases include restenosis after angioplasty, renal fibrosis, atherosclerosis, hepatic  
25 fibrosis, prostate hypertrophy, pulmonary fibrosis and glomerular nephrosclerosis.

Other uses for compounds of this invention which inhibit  $\text{Na}/\text{H}$  exchange include treatments for diseases such as cardiac hypertrophy, ischemic/reperfusion injury  
30 associated with organ transplantation, and other surgical procedures such as percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA).

Due to their  $\text{Na}/\text{H}$  exchange inhibiting properties, compounds of this invention can also be used for CNS  
35 disorders associated with cerebral ischemia such as cerebral infarction, cerebral edema and like.

Additionally, they can be used for ischemia and ischemia-reperfusion injury resulting from shock and trauma.

The compounds of the invention are also anti-thrombotic agents and antiproliferative agents and are  
5 also useful in treating renal disease.

The compounds of the invention are also dual inhibitors of NHE-1 and NHE-3 and thus can be used as cardioprotectants for the treatment of heart disease, whilst also improving renal function by protecting  
10 against renal damage, or reversing hypertension by a direct modulation of sodium resorbtion in the kidney. As dual inhibitors, the compounds of the invention are also useful in a combination of therapies, for example, hypertension in patients with acute coronary syndromes,  
15 MI, recovery from MI and chronic stable angina. They are also useful for heart failure when an anti-hypertensive or diuretic agent is required for treatment.

Compounds of this invention can be additionally used for the treatment of diabetes mellitus and other  
20 diabetic complications and for lowering serum lipids such as lowering LDL-cholesterol.

Where desired, the compounds of this invention may be used in combination with one or more other antianginal and cardioprotective agents, one or more diuretic agents,  
25 one or more antithrombotic or anticoagulant agents, one or more anti-platelet agents or platelet aggregation inhibitors, one or more prothrombolytic agents, one or more antihypertensive agents, one or more  
antiatherosclerotic agents, one or more antidiabetic  
30 agents, one or more hypolipidemic agents or lipid-lowering agents, one or more mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists, and/or one or more growth hormone secretagogues.

The compounds of the invention can be used or  
35 formulated in combination with one or more antianginal agents such as long-acting nitrates, for example,

nitroglycerin, isosorbide mononitrate, and isosorbide dinitrate.

The compounds of the invention can be used or formulated in combination with one or more  
5 cardioprotective agents such as digitalis and oriabion.

The compounds of this invention can be used or formulated in combination with one or more diuretics such as chlorothiazide, hydrochlorothiazide, flumethiazide, hydroflumethiazide, bendroflumethiazide,  
10 methylchlorthiazide, trichloromethiazide, polythiazide or benzthiazide as well as ethacrynic acid, tricrynafene, torasemide, idapamide, chlorthalidone, furosemide, musolimine, bumetanide, triamterene, amiloride and spironolactone and salts of such compounds.

15 Such combination products if formulated as a fixed dose employ the compounds of this invention within the dose range described above and the other pharmaceutically active agent within its approved dose range.

The compounds of the invention can be used or  
20 formulated in combination with one or more anti-platelet agents or platelet aggregation inhibitors or P2Y<sub>12</sub> antagonists such as clopidogrel, ticlopidine and CS-747, one or more GPIIb/IIIa blockers such as abciximab (Reopro®), eptifibatide (Integrilin®), and tirofiban  
25 (Aggrastat), eptifibatide, anagrelide, one or more thromboxane receptor antagonists such as ifetroban, one or more PAI-1 inhibitors such as XR-330 and T-686, one or more inhibitors of  $\alpha$ -2-antiplasmin such as anti- $\alpha$ -2-antiplasmin antibody, one or more prostacyclin mimetics,  
30 one or more phosphodiesterase inhibitors, such as dipyridamole or cilostazol, one or more (PDE) inhibitors in combination with thromboxane receptor antagonists/thromboxane A synthetase inhibitors (such as picotamide), one or more serotonin-2-receptor antagonists  
35 (such as ketanserin), or one or more fibrinogen receptor antagonists.

The compounds of the invention may be used or formulated in combination with one or more antithrombotic or anticoagulant agents such as warfarin, lower molecular weight heparins, such as enoxaparin (Lovenox®), one or  
5 more Factor Xa inhibitors and/or Factor VIIa inhibitors, such as compounds disclosed in pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/478,632 filed January 6, 2000, and its continuation-in-part application filed August 7, 2000 (attorney docket HA717a CIP) and U.S. applicatin Serial  
10 No. 09/496,571, filed February 2, 2000 (attorney docket HA723b).

Compounds of the present invention are also useful in combination with anti-arrhythmic agents such as for atrial fibrillation, for example, amiodarone or  
15 dofetilide.

The compounds of the present invention may also be used in combination with  $\beta$ -adrenergic agonists such as albuterol, terbutaline, formoterol, salmeterol, bitolterol, pilbuterol, or fenoterol, as well as with  
20 anticholinergics such as ipratropium bromide, anti-inflammatory corticosteroids such as beclomethasone, triamcinolone, budesonide, fluticasone, flunisolide or dexamethasone, and anti-inflammatory agents such as cromolyn, nedocromil, theophylline, zileuton,  
25 zafirlukast, monteleukast and pranleukast.

The antiatherosclerotic agent suitable for use herein may be one or more ACAT inhibitors such as disclosed in, Drugs of the Future 24, 9-15 (1999), (Avasimibe); "The ACAT inhibitor, Cl-1011 is effective in  
30 the prevention and regression of aortic fatty streak area in hamsters", Nicolosi et al, Atherosclerosis (Shannon, Irel). (1998), 137(1), 77-85; "The pharmacological profile of FCE 27677: a novel ACAT inhibitor with potent hypolipidemic activity mediated by selective suppression  
35 of the hepatic secretion of ApoB100-containing lipoprotein", Ghiselli, Giancarlo, Cardiovasc. Drug Rev. (1998), 16(1), 16-30; "RP 73163: a bioavailable

alkylsulfinyl-diphenylimidazole ACAT inhibitor", Smith, C., et al, Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett. (1996), 6(1), 47-50; "ACAT inhibitors: physiologic mechanisms for hypolipidemic and anti-atherosclerotic activities in experimental animals", Krause et al, Editor(s): Ruffolo, Robert R., Jr.; Hollinger, Manfred A., Inflammation: Mediators Pathways (1995), 173-98, Publisher: CRC, Boca Raton, Fla.; "ACAT inhibitors: potential anti-atherosclerotic agents", Sliskovic et al, Curr. Med. Chem. (1994), 1(3), 204-25; "Inhibitors of acyl-CoA:cholesterol O-acyl transferase (ACAT) as hypocholesterolemic agents. 6. The first water-soluble ACAT inhibitor with lipid-regulating activity. Inhibitors of acyl-CoA:cholesterol acyltransferase (ACAT). 7. Development of a series of substituted N-phenyl-N'-[(1-phenylcyclopentyl)methyl]ureas with enhanced hypocholesterolemic activity", Stout et al, Chemtracts: Org. Chem. (1995), 8(6), 359-62, or TS-962 (Taisho Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd).

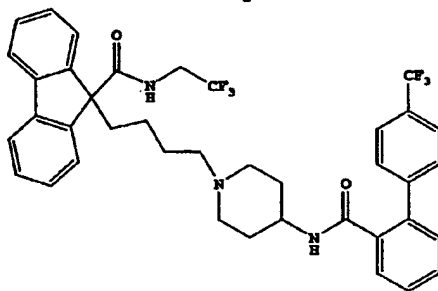
The compounds of structure I may be used or formulated in combination with one or more hypolipidemic agents or lipid-lowering agents including one or more MTP inhibitors, one or more HMG CoA reductase inhibitors, one or more squalene synthetase inhibitors, one or more fibric acid derivatives, one or more lipoxxygenase inhibitors, one or more cholesterol absorption inhibitors, one or more ileal Na<sup>+</sup>/bile acid cotransporter inhibitors, one or more upregulators of LDL receptor activity, one or more bile acid sequestrants, and/or nicotinic acid and derivatives thereof.

MTP inhibitors employed herein include MTP inhibitors disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,595,872, U.S. Patent No. 5,739,135, U.S. Patent No. 5,712,279, U.S. Patent No. 5,760,246, U.S. Patent No. 5,827,875, U.S. Patent No. 5,885,983 and U.S. Patent No. 5,962,440. Preferred are each of the preferred MTP inhibitors disclosed in each of the above patents and applications.

All of the above U.S. Patents and applications are incorporated herein by reference.

Most preferred MTP inhibitors to be employed in accordance with the present invention include preferred  
5 MTP inhibitors as set out in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,739,135 and 5,712,279, and U.S. Patent No. 5,760,246.

The most preferred MTP inhibitor is 9-[4-[4-[[2-(2,2,2-trifluoroethoxy)benzoyl]amino]-1-piperidinyl]butyl]-N-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-9H-fluorene-9-carboxamide



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The hypolipidemic agent may be an HMG CoA reductase inhibitor which includes, but is not limited to, mevastatin and related compounds as disclosed in U.S.  
15 Patent No. 3,983,140, lovastatin (mevinolin) and related compounds as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,231,938, pravastatin and related compounds such as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,346,227, simvastatin and related compounds as disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,448,784 and  
20 4,450,171. Other HMG CoA reductase inhibitors which may be employed herein include, but are not limited to, fluvastatin, disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,354,772, cerivastatin disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,006,530 and 5,177,080, atorvastatin disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos.  
25 4,681,893, 5,273,995, 5,385,929 and 5,686,104, itavastatin (Nissan/Sankyo's nisvastatin (NK-104)) disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,011,930, Shionogi-Astra/Zeneca visastatin (atavastatin or rosuvastatin) (ZD-4522) disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,260,440, and  
30 related statin compounds disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,753,675, pyrazole analogs of mevalonolactone



derivatives as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,613,610,  
indene analogs of mevalonolactone derivatives as  
disclosed in PCT application WO 86/03488, 6-[2-  
(substituted-pyrrol-1-yl)-alkyl]pyran-2-ones and  
5 derivatives thereof as disclosed in U.S. Patent No.  
4,647,576, Searle's SC-45355 (a 3-substituted  
pentanedioic acid derivative) dichloroacetate, imidazole  
analogues of mevalonolactone as disclosed in PCT  
application WO 86/07054, 3-carboxy-2-hydroxy-propane-  
10 phosphonic acid derivatives as disclosed in French Patent  
No. 2,596,393, 2,3-disubstituted pyrrole, furan and  
thiophene derivatives as disclosed in European Patent  
Application No. 0221025, naphthyl analogs of  
mevalonolactone as disclosed in U.S. Patent No.  
15 4,686,237, octahydronaphthalenes such as disclosed in  
U.S. Patent No. 4,499,289, keto analogs of mevinolin  
(lovastatin) as disclosed in European Patent Application  
No. 0,142,146 A2, and quinoline and pyridine derivatives  
disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,506,219 and 5,691,322, and  
20 statins, disclosed in U.S. provisional applications No.  
60/211,594 filed June 15, 2000, and No. 60/211,595 filed  
June 15, 2000.

In addition, phosphinic acid compounds useful in  
inhibiting HMG CoA reductase suitable for use herein are  
25 disclosed in GB 2205837.

The squalene synthetase inhibitors suitable for  
use herein include, but are not limited to,  $\alpha$ -phosphono-  
sulfonates disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,712,396, those  
disclosed by Biller et al, J. Med. Chem., 1988, Vol. 31,  
30 No. 10, pp 1869-1871, including isoprenoid (phosphinyl-  
methyl)phosphonates as well as other known squalene  
synthetase inhibitors, for example, as disclosed in U.S.  
Patent No. 4,871,721 and 4,924,024 and in Biller, S.A.,  
Neuenschwander, K., Ponpipom, M.M., and Poulter, C.D.,  
35 Current Pharmaceutical Design, 2, 1-40 (1996).

In addition, other squalene synthetase inhibitors  
suitable for use herein include the terpenoid

- pyrophosphates disclosed by P. Ortiz de Montellano et al, J. Med. Chem., 1977, 20, 243-249, the farnesyl diphosphate analog A and presqualene pyrophosphate (PSQ-PP) analogs as disclosed by Corey and Volante, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 1976, 98, 1291-1293, phosphinylphosphonates reported by McClard, R.W. et al, J.A.C.S., 1987, 109, 5544 and cyclopropanes reported by Capson, T.L., PhD dissertation, June, 1987, Dept. Med. Chem. U of Utah, Abstract, Table of Contents, pp 16, 17, 40-43, 48-51,
- 10 Summary.

- Other hypolipidemic agents suitable for use herein include, but are not limited to, fibric acid derivatives, such as fenofibrate, gemfibrozil, clofibrate, bezafibrate, ciprofibrate, clinofibrate and the like,
- 15 probucol, and related compounds as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 3,674,836, probucol and gemfibrozil being preferred, bile acid sequestrants such as cholestyramine, colestipol and DEAE-Sephadex (Secholex®, Policexide®) and cholestagel (Sankyo/Geltex), as well as lipostabil
- 20 (Rhone-Poulenc), Eisai E-5050 (an N-substituted ethanolamine derivative), imanixil (HOE-402), tetrahydrolipstatin (THL), istigmastanylphosphorylcholine (SPC, Roche), aminocyclodextrin (Tanabe Seiyoku), Ajinomoto AJ-814 (azulene derivative),
- 25 melinamide (Sumitomo), Sandoz 58-035, American Cyanamid CL-277,082 and CL-283,546 (disubstituted urea derivatives), nicotinic acid (niacin), acipimox, acifran, neomycin, p-aminosalicylic acid, aspirin, poly(diallylmethylamine) derivatives such as disclosed in
- 30 U.S. Patent No. 4,759,923, quaternary amine poly(diallyldimethylammonium chloride) and ionenes such as disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,027,009, and other known serum cholesterol lowering agents.

- The hypolipidemic agent may be an upregulator of
- 35 LD2 receptor activity such as MD-700 (Taisho Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd) and LY295427 (Eli Lilly).

The hypolipidemic agent may be a cholesterol absorption inhibitor preferably Schering-Plough's SCH48461 as well as those disclosed in Atherosclerosis 115, 45-63 (1995) and J. Med. Chem. 41, 973 (1998).

5       The hypolipidemic agent may be an ileal Na<sup>+</sup>/bile acid cotransporter inhibitor such as disclosed in Drugs of the Future, 24, 425-430 (1999).

Preferred hypolipidemic agents are pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin,  
10   cerivastatin, itavastatin and visastatin.

The above-mentioned U.S. patents are incorporated herein by reference. The amounts and dosages employed will be as indicated in the Physician's Desk Reference and/or in the patents set out above.

15       The compounds of formula I of the invention will be employed in a weight ratio to the hypolipidemic agent (were present), within the range from about 500:1 to about 1:500, preferably from about 100:1 to about 1:100.

The dose administered must be carefully adjusted  
20   according to age, weight and condition of the patient, as well as the route of administration, dosage form and regimen and the desired result.

The dosages and formulations for the hypolipidemic agent will be as disclosed in the various patents and  
25   applications discussed above.

For oral administration, a satisfactory result may be obtained employing the MTP inhibitor in an amount within the range of from about 0.01 mg to about 500 mg and preferably from about 0.1 mg to about 100 mg, one to  
30   four times daily.

A preferred oral dosage form, such as tablets or capsules, will contain the MTP inhibitor in an amount of from about 1 to about 500 mg, preferably from about 2 to about 400 mg, and more preferably from about 5 to about  
35   250 mg, one to four times daily.

For oral administration, a satisfactory result may be obtained employing an HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, for

example, pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin or cerivastatin in dosages employed as indicated in the Physician's Desk Reference, such as in an amount within the range of from about 1 to 2000 mg, and preferably from about 4 to about 200 mg.

The squalene synthetase inhibitor may be employed in dosages in an amount within the range of from about 10 mg to about 2000 mg and preferably from about 25 mg to about 200 mg.

A preferred oral dosage form, such as tablets or capsules, will contain the HMG CoA reductase inhibitor in an amount from about 0.1 to about 100 mg, preferably from about 0.5 to about 80 mg, and more preferably from about 1 to about 40 mg.

A preferred oral dosage form, such as tablets or capsules will contain the squalene synthetase inhibitor in an amount of from about 10 to about 500 mg, preferably from about 25 to about 200 mg.

The hypolipidemic agent may also be a lipoxxygenase inhibitor including a 15-lipoxxygenase (15-LO) inhibitor such as benzimidazole derivatives as disclosed in WO 97/12615, 15-LO inhibitors as disclosed in WO 97/12613, isothiazolones as disclosed in WO 96/38144, and 15-LO inhibitors as disclosed by Sendobry et al "Attenuation of diet-induced atherosclerosis in rabbits with a highly selective 15-lipoxxygenase inhibitor lacking significant antioxidant properties", Brit. J. Pharmacology (1997) 120, 1199-1206, and Cornicelli et al, "15-Lipoxxygenase and its Inhibition: A Novel Therapeutic Target for Vascular Disease", Current Pharmaceutical Design, 1999, 5, 11-20.

The compounds of formula I and the hypolipidemic agent may be employed together in the same oral dosage form or in separate oral dosage forms taken at the same time.

The compositions described above may be administered in the dosage forms as described above in

single or divided doses of one to four times daily. It may be advisable to start a patient on a low dose combination and work up gradually to a high dose combination.

5           The preferred hypolipidemic agent is pravastatin, simvastatin, lovastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin or cerivastatin as well as niacin and/or cholestagel.

          The antidiabetic agent which may be optionally employed in combination with the compound of formula I  
10   may be 1,2,3 or more antidiabetic agents or antihyperglycemic agents including insulin secretagogues or insulin sensitizers, which may include biguanides, sulfonyl ureas, glucosidase inhibitors, PPAR  $\gamma$  agonists, such as thiazolidinediones,  $\alpha$ P2 inhibitors, PPAR  $\alpha/\gamma$  dual  
15   agonists, dipeptidyl peptidase IV (DP4) inhibitors, SGLT2 inhibitors, and/or meglitinides, as well as insulin, and/or glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1).

          The antidiabetic agent may be an oral antihyperglycemic agent preferably a biguanide such as  
20   metformin or phenformin or salts thereof, preferably metformin HCl.

          Where the antidiabetic agent is a biguanide, the compounds of structure I will be employed in a weight ratio to biguanide within the range from about 0.001:1 to  
25   about 10:1, preferably from about 0.01:1 to about 5:1.

          The antidiabetic agent may also preferably be a sulfonyl urea such as glyburide (also known as glibenclamide), glimepiride (disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,379,785), glipizide, gliclazide or chlorpropamide,  
30   other known sulfonylureas or other antihyperglycemic agents which act on the ATP-dependent channel of the  $\beta$ -cells, with glyburide and glipizide being preferred, which may be administered in the same or in separate oral dosage forms.

35           The compounds of structure I will be employed in a weight ratio to the sulfonyl urea in the range from about

0.01:1 to about 100:1, preferably from about 0.02:1 to about 5:1.

The oral antidiabetic agent may also be a glucosidase inhibitor such as acarbose (disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,904,769) or miglitol (disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,639,436), which may be administered in the same or in a separate oral dosage forms.

The compounds of structure I will be employed in a weight ratio to the glucosidase inhibitor within the range from about 0.01:1 to about 100:1, preferably from about 0.05:1 to about 10:1.

The compounds of structure I may be employed in combination with a PPAR  $\gamma$  agonist such as a thiazolidinedione oral anti-diabetic agent or other insulin sensitizers (which has an insulin sensitivity effect in NIDDM patients) such as troglitazone (Warner-Lambert's Rezulin<sup>®</sup>, disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 4,572,912), rosiglitazone (SKB), pioglitazone (Takeda), Mitsubishi's MCC-555 (disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,594,016), Glaxo-Welcome's GL-262570, englitazone (CP-68722, Pfizer) or darglitazone (CP-86325, Pfizer, isaglitazone (MIT/J&J), JTT-501 (JPNT/P&U), L-895645 (Merck), R-119702 (Sankyo/WL), NN-2344 (Dr. Reddy/NN), or YM-440 (Yamanouchi), preferably rosiglitazone and pioglitazone.

The compounds of structure I will be employed in a weight ratio to the thiazolidinedione in an amount within the range from about 0.01:1 to about 100:1, preferably from about 0.05 to about 10:1.

The sulfonyl urea and thiazolidinedione in amounts of less than about 150 mg oral antidiabetic agent may be incorporated in a single tablet with the compounds of structure I.

The compounds of structure I may also be employed in combination with a antihyperglycemic agent such as insulin or with glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1) such as GLP-1(1-36) amide, GLP-1(7-36) amide, GLP-1(7-37) (as

disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,614,492 to Habener, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference), as well as AC2993 (Amylin) and LY-315902 (Lilly), which may be administered via injection, intranasal, inhalation  
5 or by transdermal or buccal devices.

Where present, metformin, the sulfonyl ureas, such as glyburide, glimepiride, glipyrider, glipizide, chlorpropamide and gliclazide and the glucosidase inhibitors acarbose or miglitol or insulin (injectable,  
10 pulmonary, buccal, or oral) may be employed in formulations as described above and in amounts and dosing as indicated in the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR).

Where present, metformin or salt thereof may be employed in amounts within the range from about 500 to  
15 about 2000 mg per day which may be administered in single or divided doses one to four times daily.

Preferred are metformin/glyburide combinations such as disclosed in U.S. Serial No. 09/432,465 filed November 3, 1999, and U.S. Serial No. 09/460,920 filed December  
20 14, 1999.

Where present, the thiazolidinedione anti-diabetic agent may be employed in amounts within the range from about 0.01 to about 2000 mg/day which may be administered in single or divided doses one to four times per day.

25 Where present insulin may be employed in formulations, amounts and dosing as indicated by the Physician's Desk Reference.

Where present GLP-1 peptides may be administered in oral buccal formulations, by nasal administration or  
30 parenterally as described in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,346,701 (TheraTech), 5,614,492 and 5,631,224 which are incorporated herein by reference.

The antidiabetic agent may also be a PPAR  $\alpha/\gamma$  dual agonist such as AR-HO39242 (Astra/Zeneca), GW-409544  
35 (Glaxo-Wellcome), KRP297 (Kyorin Merck) as well as those disclosed by Murakami et al, "A Novel Insulin Sensitizer Acts As a Coligand for Peroxisome Proliferation -

Activated Receptor Alpha (PPAR alpha) and PPAR gamma.  
Effect on PPAR alpha Activation on Abnormal Lipid  
Metabolism in Liver of Zucker Fatty Rats", Diabetes 47,  
1841-1847 (1998).

5       The antidiabetic agent may be an SGLT2 inhibitor  
such as disclosed in U.S. provisional application No.  
60/158,773, filed October 12, 1999 (attorney file LA49),  
employing dosages as set out therein. Preferred are the  
compounds designated as preferred in the above  
10 application.

      The antidiabetic agent may be an  $\alpha$ P2 inhibitor  
such as disclosed in U.S. application Serial No.  
09/391,053, filed September 7, 1999, and in U.S.  
provisional application No. 60/127,745, filed April 5,  
15 1999 (attorney file LA27\*), employing dosages as set out  
herein. Preferred are the compounds designated as  
preferred in the above applications.

      The antidiabetic agent may be a DP4 inhibitor such  
as disclosed in Provisional Application 60/188,555 filed  
20 March 10, 2000 (attorney file LA50), WO99/38501,  
WO99/46272, WO99/67279 (PROBIODRUG), WO99/67278  
(PROBIODRUG), WO99/61431 (PROBIODRUG), NVP-DPP728A (1-  
[[[2-[(5-cyanopyridin-2-yl)amino]ethyl]amino]acetyl]-2-  
cyano-(S)-pyrrolidine) (Novartis) (preferred) as  
25 disclosed by Hughes et al, Biochemistry, 38(36), 11597-  
11603, 1999, TSL-225 (tryptophyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-  
isoquinoline-3-carboxylic acid disclosed by Yamada et al,  
Bioorg. & Med. Chem. Lett. 8 (1998) 1537-1540, 2-  
cyanopyrrolidides and 4-cyanopyrrolidides as disclosed by  
30 Ashworth et al, Bioorg. & Med. Chem. Lett., Vol. 6, No.  
22, pp 1163-1166 and 2745-2748 (1996)) employing dosages  
as set out in the above references.

      The meglitinide which may optionally be employed  
in combination with the compound of formula I of the  
35 invention may be repaglinide, nateglinide (Novartis) or  
KAD1229 (PF/Kissei), with repaglinide being preferred.



The compound of formula I will be employed in a weight ratio to the meglitinide, PPAR  $\gamma$  agonist, PPAR  $\alpha/\gamma$  dual agonist, aP2 inhibitor, DP4 inhibitor or SGLT2 inhibitor within the range from about 0.01:1 to about 5 100:1, preferably from about 0.05 to about 10:1.

The other type of therapeutic agent which may be optionally employed with a compound of formula I may be 1, 2, 3 or more of an anti-obesity agent including a beta 3 adrenergic agonist, a lipase inhibitor, a serotonin 10 (and dopamine) reuptake inhibitor, an aP2 inhibitor, a thyroid receptor beta drug and/or an anorectic agent.

The beta 3 adrenergic agonist which may be optionally employed in combination with a compound of formula I may be AJ9677 (Takeda/Dainippon), L750355 15 (Merck), or CP331648 (Pfizer) or other known beta 3 agonists as disclosed in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,541,204, 5,770,615, 5,491,134, 5,776,983 and 5,488,064, with AJ9677, L750,355 and CP331648 being preferred.

The lipase inhibitor which may be optionally 20 employed in combination with a compound of formula I may be orlistat or ATL-962 (Alizyme), with orlistat being preferred.

The serotonin (and dopamine) reuptake inhibitor which may be optionally employed in combination with a 25 compound of formula I may be sibutramine, topiramate (Johnson & Johnson) or axokine (Regeneron), with sibutramine and topiramate being preferred.

The growth hormone secretagogue suitable for use herein includes those described in U.S. Serial No. 30 09/417,180 filed October 12, 1999 (attorney docket LA25).

The thyroid receptor beta compound which may be optionally employed in combination with a compound of formula I may be a thyroid receptor ligand as disclosed in WO97/21993 (U. Cal SF), WO99/00353 (KaroBio), 35 GB98/284425 (KaroBio), and U.S. Provisional Application 60/183,223 filed February 17, 2000, with compounds of the

KaroBio applications and the above U.S. provisional application being preferred.

5 The antihypertensive agents which may be employed in combination with the compound of formula I of the invention include ACE inhibitors, angiotensin II receptor antagonists, NEP/ACE inhibitors, as well as calcium channel blockers,  $\beta$ -adrenergic blockers, centrally acting agents, and other types of antihypertensive agents including diuretics.

10 The angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor which may be employed herein includes those containing a mercapto (-S-) moiety such as substituted proline derivatives, such as any of those disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,046,889 to Ondetti et al mentioned above, with  
15 captopril, that is, 1-[(2S)-3-mercapto-2-methylpropionyl]-L-proline, being preferred, and mercaptoacyl derivatives of substituted prolines such as any of those disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,316,906 with zofenopril being preferred.

20 Other examples of mercapto containing ACE inhibitors that may be employed herein include rentiapril (fentiapril, Santen) disclosed in Clin. Exp. Pharmacol. Physiol. 10:131 (1983); as well as pivopril and YS980.

Other examples of angiotensin converting enzyme  
25 inhibitors which may be employed herein include any of those disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,374,829 mentioned above, with N-(1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenylpropyl)-L-alanyl-L-proline, that is, enalapril, being preferred, any of the phosphonate substituted amino or imino acids or salts  
30 disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,452,790 with (S)-1-[6-amino-2-[[hydroxy-(4-phenylbutyl)phosphinyl]oxy]-1-oxohexyl]-L-proline or (ceronapril) being preferred, phosphinylalkanoyl prolines disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,168,267 mentioned above with fosinopril being  
35 preferred, any of the phosphinylalkanoyl substituted prolines disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,337,201, and the

phosphonamidates disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,432,971 discussed above.

Other examples of ACE inhibitors that may be employed herein include Beecham's BRL 36,378 as disclosed  
5 in European Patent Application Nos. 80822 and 60668; Chugai's MC-838 disclosed in C.A. 102:72588v and Jap. J. Pharmacol. 40:373 (1986); Ciba-Geigy's CGS 14824 (3-([1-ethoxycarbonyl-3-phenyl-(1S)-propyl]amino)-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2-oxo-1-(3S)-benzazepine-1 acetic acid HCl)  
10 disclosed in U.K. Patent No. 2103614 and CGS 16,617 (3(S)-[[[(1S)-5-amino-1-carboxypentyl]amino]-2,3,4,5-tetrahydro-2-oxo-1H-1-benzazepine-1-ethanoic acid) disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,473,575; cetapril (alacepril, Dainippon) disclosed in Eur. Therap. Res.  
15 39:671 (1986); 40:543 (1986); ramipril (Hoechst) disclosed in Euro. Patent No. 79-022 and Curr. Ther. Res. 40:74 (1986); Ru 44570 (Hoechst) disclosed in Arzneimittelforschung 34:1254 (1985), cilazapril (Hoffman-LaRoche) disclosed in J. Cardiovasc. Pharmacol.  
20 9:39 (1987); R 31-2201 (Hoffman-LaRoche) disclosed in FEBS Lett. 165:201 (1984); lisinopril (Merck), indalapril (delapril) disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,385,051; indolapril (Schering) disclosed in J. Cardiovasc. Pharmacol. 5:643, 655 (1983), spirapril (Schering)  
25 disclosed in Acta. Pharmacol. Toxicol. 59 (Supp. 5):173 (1986); perindopril (Servier) disclosed in Eur. J. clin. Pharmacol. 31:519 (1987); quinapril (Warner-Lambert) disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 4,344,949 and CI925 (Warner-Lambert) ([3S-[2[R(\*)R(\*)]]3R(\*)]-2-[2-[1-(ethoxy-carbonyl)-3-phenylpropyl]amino]-1-oxopropyl]-1,2,3,4-  
30 tetrahydro-6,7-dimethoxy-3-isoquinolinecarboxylic acid HCl) disclosed in Pharmacologist 26:243, 266 (1984), WY-44221 (Wyeth) disclosed in J. Med. Chem. 26:394 (1983).

Preferred ACE inhibitors are captopril, fosinopril,  
35 enalapril, lisinopril, quinapril, benazepril, fentiapril, ramipril, moexipril, cilazopril, delapril, or pentopril.

NEP/ACE inhibitors may also be employed herein in that they possess neutral endopeptidase (NEP) inhibitory activity and angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitory activity. Examples of NEP/ACE inhibitors suitable for use herein include those disclosed in U.S. Pat. No.s. 5,362,727, 5,366,973, 5,225,401, 4,722,810, 5,223,516, 4,749,688, U.S. Patent. No. 5,552,397, U.S. Pat. No. 5,504,080, U.S. Patent No. 5,612,359, U.S. Pat. No. 5,525,723, European Patent Application 0599,444, 0481,522, 0599,444, 0595,610, European Patent Application 0534363A2, 534,396 and 534,492, and European Patent Application 0629627A2.

Preferred are those NEP/ACE inhibitors and dosages thereof which are designated as preferred in the above patents/applications which U.S. patents are incorporated herein by reference; most preferred are omapatrilat, BMS 189,921 ([S-(R\*,R\*)]-hexahydro-6-[(2-mercapto-1-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)amino]-2,2-dimethyl-7-oxo-1H-azepine-1-acetic acid (gemopatrilat)) and CGS 30440.

The angiotensin II receptor antagonist (also referred to herein as angiotensin II antagonist or AII antagonist) suitable for use herein includes, but is not limited to, irbesartan, losartan, valsartan, candesartan, telmisartan, tasosartan or eprosartan, with irbesartan, losartan or valsartan being preferred.

A preferred oral dosage form, such as tablets or capsules, will contain the ACE inhibitor or AII antagonist in an amount within the range from about 0.1 to about 500 mg, preferably from about 5 to about 200 mg and more preferably from about 10 to about 150 mg.

For parenteral administration, the ACE inhibitor, angiotensin II antagonist or NEP/ACE inhibitor will be employed in an amount within the range from about 0.005 mg/kg to about 10 mg/kg and preferably from about 0.01 mg/kg to about 1 mg/kg.

Where a drug is to be administered intravenously, it will be formulated in conventional vehicles, such as

distilled water, saline, Ringer's solution or other conventional carriers.

It will be appreciated that preferred dosages of ACE inhibitor and AII antagonist as well as other antihypertensives disclosed herein will be as set out in the latest edition of the Physician's Desk Reference (PDR).

Calcium channel blockers suitable for use herein include verapamil, nifedipine, diltiazem, felodipine, nisoldipine, isradipine, nicardipine and amlodipine besylate (Norvasc®).

$\beta$ -blockers suitable for use herein include one or more of atenolol, carvedilol, nadolol, propranolol and sotalol.

Examples of most preferred antihypertensive agents suitable for use herein include omapatrilat (Vanlev®), gemopatrilat, amlodipine besylate (Norvasc®), prazosin HCl (Minipress®), verapamil, nifedipine, nadolol, diltiazem, felodipine, nisoldipine, isradipine, nicardipine, atenolol, carvedilol, sotalol, terazosin, doxazosin, propranolol, and clonidine HCl (Catapres®).

Mineralocorticoid receptor antagonists suitable for use herein include spironolactone and epherenone.

Antiosteoporosis agents suitable for use herein in combination with the compounds of formula I of the invention include parathyroid hormone or bisphosphonates, such as MK-217 (alendronate) (Fosamax®). Dosages employed will be as set out in the PDR.

Unless otherwise specified, the various components employed in combinations of the invention with compounds of formula I will be employed in dosages and amounts as described in the PDR, and/or patents and other references disclosing such compounds.

The compounds of the invention can be administered orally or parenterally such as subcutaneously or intravenously, as well as by inhalation and nasal application, rectally, transdermally, or sublingually to

various mammalian species known to be subject to such  
maladies, e.g., humans, cats, dogs and the like in an  
effective amount within the dosage range of about 0.1 to  
about 100 mg/kg, preferably about 0.2 to about 50 mg/kg  
5 and more preferably about 0.5 to about 25 mg/kg (or from  
about 1 to about 500 mg, preferably from about 5 to about  
200 mg) on a regimen in single or 2 to 4 divided daily  
doses.

The active substance can be utilized in a  
10 composition such as tablet, capsule, solution or  
suspension or in other type carrier materials such as  
transdermal devices, iontophoretic devices, rectal  
suppositories, inhalant devices and the like. The  
composition or carrier will contain about 5 to about 500  
15 mg per unit of dosage of a compound or mixture of  
compounds of formula I. They may be compounded in  
conventional matter with a physiologically acceptable  
vehicle or carrier, excipient, binder, preservative,  
stabilizer, flavor, etc., as called for by accepted  
20 pharmaceutical practice.

The following abbreviations are employed herein-  
before and in the Examples:

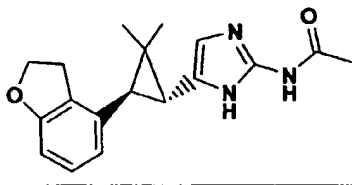
25 Ph = phenyl  
Bn = benzyl  
t-Bu = tertiary butyl  
Me = methyl  
Et = ethyl  
30 TMS = trimethylsilyl  
TMSN<sub>3</sub> = trimethylsilyl azide  
TBS = tert-butyldimethylsilyl  
Fmoc = fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl  
Boc = tert-butoxycarbonyl  
35 Cbz = carbobenzyloxy or carbobenzoxy or benzyloxycarbonyl  
THF = tetrahydrofuran  
Et<sub>2</sub>O = diethyl ether  
hex = hexanes  
EtOAc = ethyl acetate  
40 DMF = dimethyl formamide  
MeOH = methanol  
EtOH = ethanol  
i-PrOH = isopropanol  
DMSO = dimethyl sulfoxide

- DME = 1,2 dimethoxyethane  
EDC or DCE = 1,2 dichloroethane  
HMPA = hexamethyl phosphoric triamide  
HOAc or AcOH = acetic acid  
5 TFA = trifluoroacetic acid  
DIEA or Hunig's Base or  $i\text{-Pr}_2\text{NEt}$  = N,N-diisopropyl-ethylamine  
TEA or  $\text{Et}_3\text{N}$  = triethylamine  
NMM = N-methyl morpholine  
10 DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine  
 $\text{NaBH}_4$  = sodium borohydride  
 $\text{NaBH}(\text{OAc})_3$  = sodium triacetoxyborohydride  
DIBAL or DIBALH = diisobutyl aluminum hydride  
 $\text{LiAlH}_4$  = lithium aluminum hydride  
15  $n\text{-BuLi}$  = n-butyllithium  
 $\text{Pd/C}$  = palladium on carbon  
 $\text{PtO}_2$  = platinum oxide  
KOH = potassium hydroxide  
NaOH = sodium hydroxide  
20 LiOH = lithium hydroxide  
 $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  = potassium carbonate  
 $\text{NaHCO}_3$  = sodium bicarbonate  
DBU = 1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene  
EDC (or EDC.HCl) or EDCI (or EDCI.HCl) or EDAC = 3-ethyl-  
25 3'-(dimethylamino)propyl- carbodiimide hydrochloride (or  
1-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-3-ethylcarbodiimide  
hydrochloride)  
HOBT or HOBT. $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = 1-hydroxybenzotriazole hydrate  
HOAT = 1-Hydroxy-7-azabenzotriazole  
30 BOP reagent = benzotriazol-1-yloxy-tris (dimethylamino)  
phosphonium hexafluorophosphate  
 $\text{NaN}(\text{TMS})_2$  = sodium hexamethyldisilazide or sodium  
bis(trimethylsilyl)amide  
 $\text{Ph}_3\text{P}$  = triphenylphosphine  
35  $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$  = Palladium acetate  
 $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pd}^0$  = tetrakis triphenylphosphine palladium  
DEAD = diethyl azodicarboxylate  
DIAD = diisopropyl azodicarboxylate  
Cbz-Cl = benzyl chloroformate  
40 CAN = ceric ammonium nitrate  
SAX = Strong Anion Exchanger  
SCX = Strong Cation Exchanger  
Ar = argon  
 $\text{N}_2$  = nitrogen  
45 min = minute(s)  
h or hr = hour(s)  
L = liter  
mL = milliliter  
 $\mu\text{L}$  = microliter  
50 g = gram(s)  
mg = milligram(s)  
DCM = dichloromethane

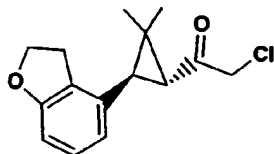
- PyBOP = benzotriazole-1-yl-oxy-trispyrrolidino-  
phosphonium hexafluorophosphate  
mol = moles  
mmol = millimole(s)  
5 meq = milliequivalent  
RT = room temperature  
sat or sat'd = saturated  
aq. = aqueous  
TLC = thin layer chromatography  
10 HPLC = high performance liquid chromatography  
LC/MS = high performance liquid chromatography/mass  
spectrometry  
MS or Mass Spec = mass spectrometry  
NMR = nuclear magnetic resonance  
15 mp = melting point

The following examples and preparations describe  
the manner and process of making and using the invention  
20 and are of preferred embodiments of the invention. It  
should be understood that there may be other embodiments  
which fall within the spirit and scope of the invention  
as defined by the claims appended hereto.

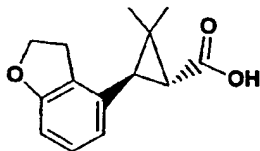
25 Example 1



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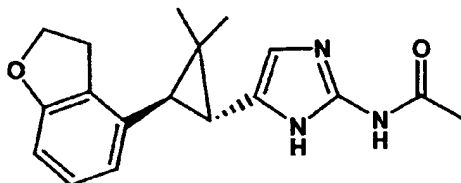
A solution of oxalyl chloride (2M in  
30 dichloromethane, 2.15 mL) was added to a solution of





- (1.0 g, prepared as described in WO 9933460) in 10 mL dichloromethane followed by the addition of 2 drops DMF. The reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 1h and concentrated to afford the corresponding acid chloride.
- 5 This material was dissolved in 5 mL dichloromethane and treated with excess diazomethane in ether at RT. Stirring was continued at RT for 3h and the mixture was concentrated to give the corresponding diazomethyl ketone. This compound was dissolved in 5 mL
- 10 dichloromethane followed by the addition of HCl in ether (2M, 20 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred at RT for 18h. The reaction mixture was concentrated to afford the title compound as a brown gummy solid (1.2 g).

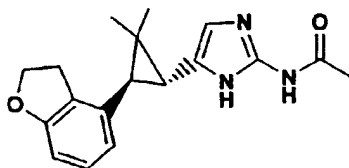
15 B.



- A mixture of the above title compound A (100 mg), acetyl guanidine (114 mg) in 5 mL DMF was heated at 100°C for 18h. The solvent was evaporated and the crude
- 20 product was purified by preparative HPLC (C18 column/water-methanol-trifluoroacetic acid 90:10:0.1 to 10:90:0.1 gradient) to afford the title compound as a light yellow solid; MS  $m/z$  312 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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Example 2

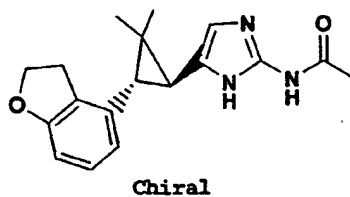


Chiral

- This compound was prepared from the corresponding
- 30 chiral acid (prepared as described in WO 9933460) in a

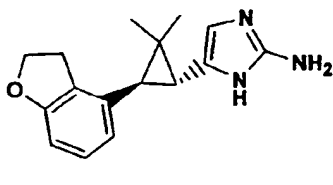
manner similar to that described for Example 1; MS  $m/z$  312  $(M+H)^+$ .

Example 3



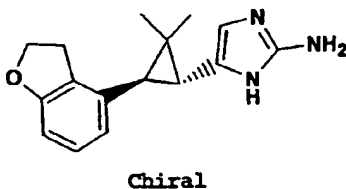
This compound was prepared from the corresponding chiral acid (prepared as described in WO 9933460) in a manner similar to that described for Example 1, MS  $m/z$  312  $(M+H)^+$ .

Example 4



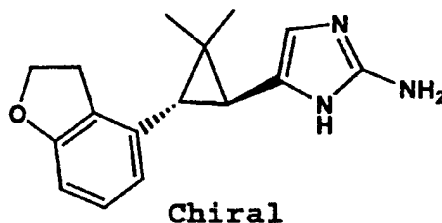
To a mixture of the title compound of Example 1 (40 mg), methanol (2 mL) and water (2 mL) was added 5 drops of concentrated sulfuric acid and the reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 18h. The mixture was concentrated and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described in example 1 part H to give 24 mg of the title compound as a TFA salt, off-white solid; MS  $m/z$  270  $(M+H)^+$ .

Example 5



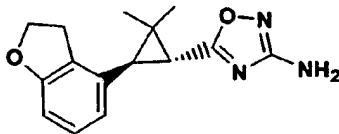
This compound was prepared from the title compound Example 2 by using the procedure described in Example 4; MS m/z 270 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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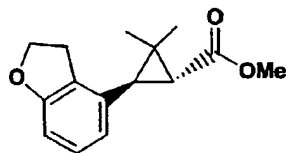
Example 6

This compound was prepared from the title compound Example 3 by using the procedure described in Example 4; MS m/z 270 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

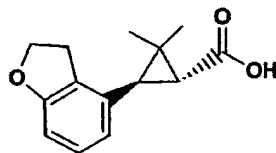
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Example 7

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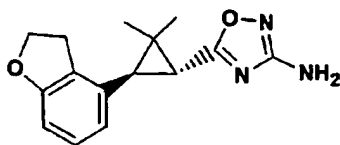


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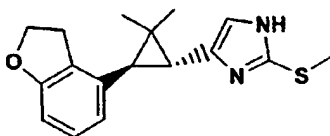
To a stirred solution of (500 mg, 2.15 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) added thionyl chloride (5.12 g) dropwise. The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 minutes and concentrated to afford 490 mg (94% crude yield) of the title compound as a brown gum.

B.



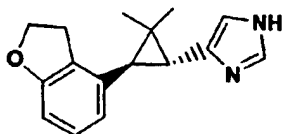
5 A mixture of the ester from step A (100 mg, 0.41 mmol) and hydroxyguanidine in MeOH (2 mL) was refluxed for 18 hrs. Then the solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described for Example 1 to give the title compound as TFA salt (60 mg, 54%); <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.07 (m, 1H), 6.71 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 6.60 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 4.98 (Broad peak), 4.62 (m, 2H), 3.25 (m, 1H), 3.10 (m, 1H), 2.78 (d, 1H), 2.52 (d, 1H), 2.41 (s, 3H), 1.35 (s, 3H), 1.03 (s, 3H).

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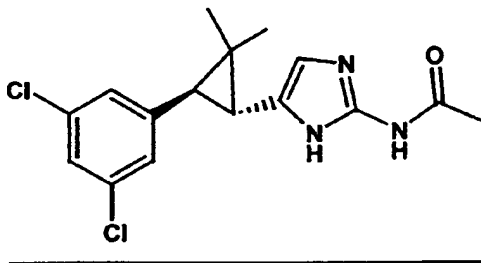
Example 8

20 A mixture of the chloromethyl ketone from step A Example 1 (100 mg, 0.38 mmol), S-methylisothiuronium sulfate (126 mg, 0.45 mmol) and sodium acetate (93 mg, 1.14 mmol) in EtOH (20 mL) were refluxed for 18 hours. The solvent was evaporated and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described for Example 1  
25 to give the title compound (30 mg, 27%) as clear gum; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.03 (m, 1H), 6.93 (s, 1H), 6.68 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 4.58 (m, 2H), 3.18 (m, 1H), 3.06 (m, 1H), 2.66 (s, 3H), 2.16 (m, 2H), 1.09 (s, 3H), 0.92 (s, 3H).

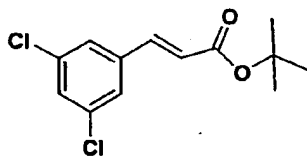
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Example 9

A mixture of Raney nickel (ca. 2 mL of the suspension), the title compound from Example 8 (15 mg, 0.050 mmol) in EtOH (5 mL) and water (5 mL) was stirred at RT for 2 h, filtered through Celite and the solvent was evaporated. The crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described for Example 1 to give the title compound (10 mg, 83%) as white powder (lyophilate); MS m/z 255 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 10

A.



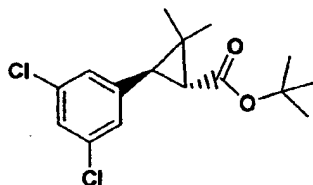
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To a solution of tert-butyldiethylphosphonoacetate (6.94g, 27.5 mmol) in THF (50 ml) at 0°C was added slowly sodium hexamethyldisilazide (NaHMDS) (27.5 ml, 27.5 mmol). The resulting solution was warmed to 25°C and stirred for 30 minutes. After cooling the reaction mixture to 0°C, a solution of 3,5-dichlorobenzaldehyde (4.38g, 25 mmol) in THF (25 ml) was slowly added. The reaction mixture was warmed to 25°C and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured onto

saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}/\text{EtOAc}$ . The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with  $\text{EtOAc}$ . The combined organics were washed with brine, dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*.

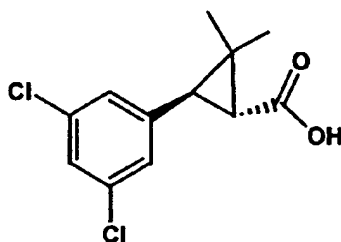
Purification of the crude residue by silica gel  
5 chromatography (9:1 hexanes- $\text{EtOAc}$ ) provided 5.19g (77%) of title compound in the form of a white solid.

B.



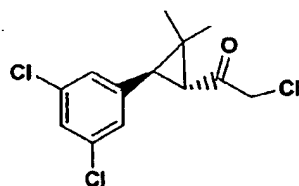
10 To a suspension of isopropyltriphenylphosphonium iodide (6.48g, 15 mmol) in THF (45 ml) at  $-78^\circ\text{C}$  was added  $n\text{-BuLi}$  (2.5 M in hexanes, 6.6 ml, 16.5 mmol). The resulting mixture was warmed to  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred 30 minutes. To the reaction mixture was added a solution of  
15 the compound from step A (4.11 g, 15 mmol) in THF (30 ml). The reaction mixture was stirred 2 hours at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ , then slowly warmed to  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was poured onto 10%  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4/\text{EtOAc}$ . The aqueous layer was extracted 3 times with  $\text{EtOAc}$ . The  
20 combined organic layer was washed with saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ , brine, and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , dried over  $\text{NaSO}_4$ , and concentrated *in vacuo*. The crude residue was used without further purification,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) d 7.32 (1H, s) 7.30-7.27 (2H, m), 2.72 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz), 2.28 (1H, d,  $J = 8.9$   
25 Hz), 1.71 (9H, s), 1.51 (3H, s), 1.08 (3H, s).

C.



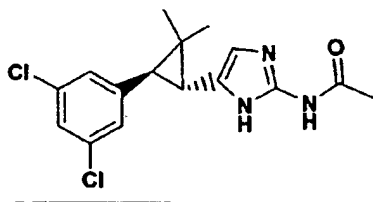
The crude ester from Step B (ca. 25 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 trifluoroacetic acid-CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (25ml) at 25°C. The resulting solution was stirred 1 hour at 25°C. The reaction mixture was concentrated in vacuo. The crude residue was partitioned between 10% NaOH and Et<sub>2</sub>O. The aqueous layer was extracted 3X with ether. The pH of the aqueous layer was adjusted to 4 and was extracted 10X with EtOAc. The combined organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated in vacuo to afford 2.32 g (71% over two steps) of a white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 7.32 (1H, s) 7.30-7.27 (2H, m), 2.77 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 2.20 (1H, d, J = 8.9 Hz), 1.48 (3H, s), 1.05 (3H, s).

D.



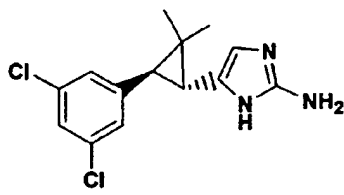
This compound was prepared from the part C compound by the method described in Example 1 part A.

E.

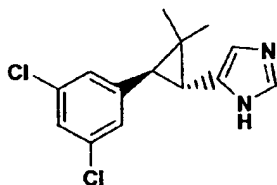


This compound was prepared from the part D compound as described in Example 1 part B; MS  $m/z$  338 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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Example 11

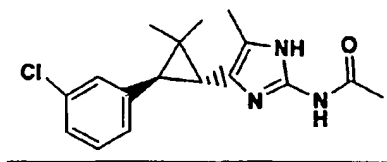
This compound was prepared from the title compound Example 10 by using the procedure described in Example 4;  
10 MS  $m/z$  296 (M+H).

Example 12

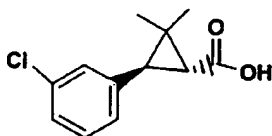
The chloromethyl ketone from Example 10 part D (50  
15 mg) was taken in 5 ml formamide and heated at 160°C for 4h  
The solvent was evaporated and the residue was purified  
by preparative HPLC as described in Example 1 part H to  
give the title compound as a TFA salt, clear gummy solid;  
MS  $m/z$  281 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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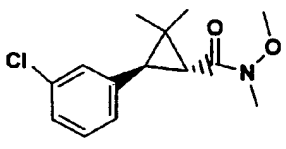
Example 13

A.



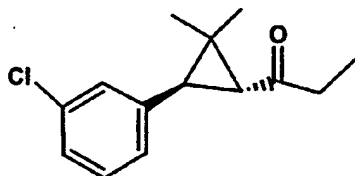
5 This compound was prepared from the corresponding cinnamic acid as described for Example 10 step B and C.

B.



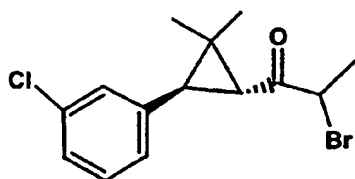
10 To a stirred solution of the acid from step A (7.0 g, 0.031 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) was added CDI (6.1 g, 0.037 mol). After the reaction mixture were stirred at room temperature for 1 hr, N,O-dimethyl hydroxylamine (HCl salt) (3.66 g, 0.037 mol),  
 15 triethylamine (13 mL, 0.093 mol) and N,N-dimethyl aminopyridine (100 mg) were added to the reaction mixture, then the reaction mixture was stirred for an additional 18 hrs and the solvent was removed. The residue was dissolved in ethyl acetate (150 mL) and  
 20 washed with 0.5 N sodium hydroxide (2 x 200 mL) and 1 N hydrochloride acid (2 x 200 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After removal of magnesium sulfate by filtration, the filtrate was concentrated to give 6 g (80%) title compound as a clear  
 25 oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 3H), 3.26 (s, 3H), 2.76 (d, J = 6 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 1H), 1.30 (s, 3H), 0.96 (s, 3H).

C.



To a stirred solution of the compound from step B  
5 (6.0 g, 0.022 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (100 mL) at -20°C  
under nitrogen was added 3M ethyl magnesium bromide in  
ether (19 mL). Then the reaction mixture were warmed to  
room temperature and stirred for additional 2 hrs.  
Saturated ammonium chloride in water (50 mL) was added  
10 and the reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate  
(200 mL). The organic layer was collected and washed with  
brine and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After  
removal of magnesium sulfate by filtration, the filtrate  
was concentrated and the crude product was purified by  
15 silica gel chromatography using 70% dichloromethane in  
hexane as the eluent to give 5.21 g (98.3%) title  
compound as a clear oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.26 (s, 1H),  
7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 2.83 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H),  
2.63 (m, 2H), 2.25 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.31 (s, 3H),  
20 1.14 (m, 3H), 0.95 (s, 3H).

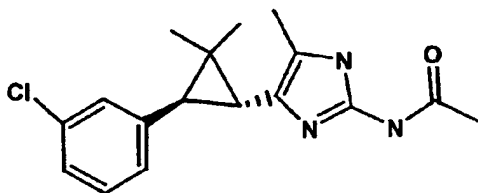
D.



To a stirred solution of compound from step C (3.0g,  
25 0.013 mol) in tetrahydrofuran (50 mL) at -70°C under  
nitrogen was slowly added 1.0 M LiHMDS in tetrahydrofuran  
(12.7 mL, 0.013 mol). Then the reaction mixture was  
slowly warmed to 5°C. A solution of N-bromosuccinimide  
(20 g, 0.013 mol) in dry tetrahydrofuran (10 mL) was

slowly added to the reaction mixture at  $-70^{\circ}\text{C}$  under the nitrogen and the reaction mixture was stirred for 2 hrs. Then the reaction mixture was poured into ethyl acetate (100 mL) and 1 N hydrochloride acid (100 mL). The organic layer was washed with 1 N hydrochloride acid (100 mL), dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate, concentrated and the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using 10% dichloromethane/hexane as the eluent to give 2.0 g (50%) title compound as a light green oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.26 (s, 1H), 7.20 (m, 2H), 7.16 (s, 1H), 4.58 (m, 1H), 2.89 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.15 (s, 1H), 1.83 (m, 3H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H).

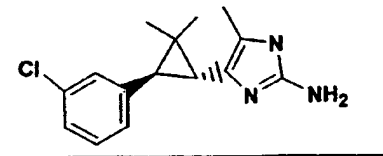
E.



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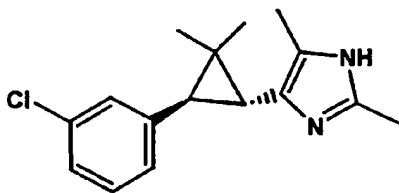
To a stirred solution of the compound from step D (1.8 g, 0.0057 mol) in DMF (14 mL) was added acetyl guanidine (1.8 g, 0.017 mol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 3 days, the solvent was removed under high vacuum and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to afford the title compound (1.10 g, 61%) as a light brown oil;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.20-7.27 (m, 4H), 2.70 (broad peak), 2.32 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H), 2.01 (d,  $J = 7.2$  Hz, 1H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

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Example 14

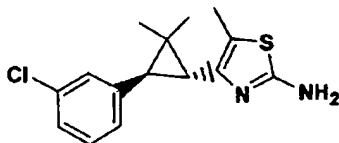
To a stirred solution of the title compound of Example 13 (50 mg, 0.15 mmol) in EtOH (10 mL) and water (5 mL) was added  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  (6 drops). The reaction mixture was refluxed for 36 hrs. The solvent was then evaporated and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to afford the title compound (10 mg, 23%) as an off-white powder (lyophilate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.20-7.27 (m, 4H), 2.31 (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.18 (s, 3H), 1.89 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.11 (s, 3H), 0.93 (s, 3H).

#### Example 15



A mixture of the compound of Example 13 step D (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and acetamidine free base (100 mg, 1.2 mmol) in methanol (2 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 18 hrs. The solvent was then evaporated and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to afford the title compound (23 mg, 25%) as a clear gum;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.10-7.30 (m, 4H), 2.49 (s, 3H), 2.35 (d,  $J = 1.89$  (d,  $J = 6.0$  Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.97 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.05 (s, 3H), 0.94 (s, 3H).

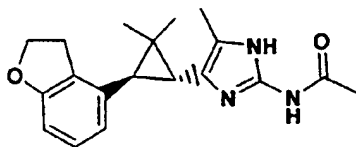
#### Example 16



A mixture of the compound of Example 13 step D (180 mg, 0.57 mmol) and thiourea (180 mg, 2.4 mmol) in methanol (10 mL) was refluxed for 18 hrs. The solvent was

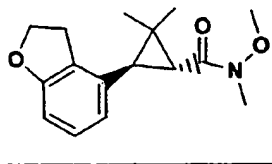
then removed and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described for the title compound of Example 1 to afford the title compound (192 mg) as white powder;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 7.10-7.30 (m, 4H), 2.34 (d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 2.22 (s, 3H), 1.96 (d, J = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 1.14 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

Example 17



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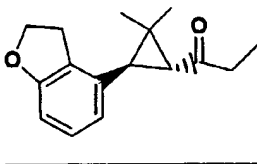
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This compound was prepared from the corresponding acid by a procedure described for the synthesis of the step B compound of Example 13.

B.

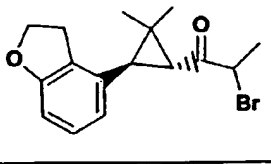


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This compound was prepared from the Step A compound by a procedure described for the synthesis of the step C compound of Example 13.

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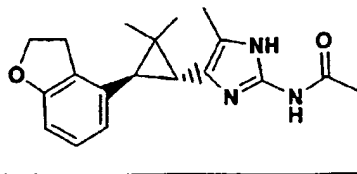
C.



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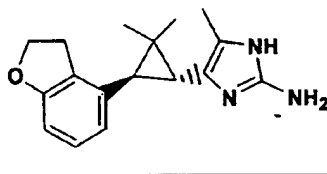
This compound was prepared from the Step B compound by a procedure described for the synthesis of the step D compound of Example 13.

5 D.



This compound was prepared from the Step C compound by a procedure described for the synthesis of the step E compound of Example 13; MS: m/z 326 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 18

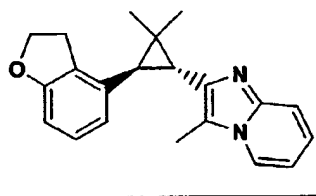


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This compound was prepared from the part D compound of Example 17 by a procedure described for the synthesis of the title compound of Example 14; MS: m/z 284 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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Example 19

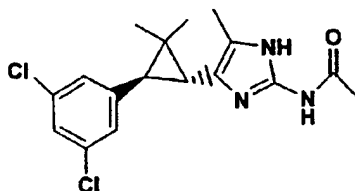


25 To a solution of the bromide from Example 17 part C (43 mg, 0.13 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added 2-aminopyridine (12.5 mg, 0.13 mmol). The mixture was heated at 90°C for 1.5 h, after which the solvent was removed and the residue purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to afford

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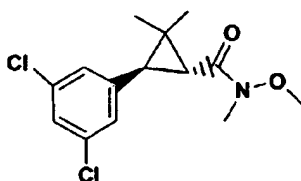
the title compound as trifluoroacetic acid salt (19 mg, 34% yield): MS: m/z 319 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 20



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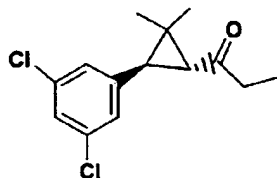
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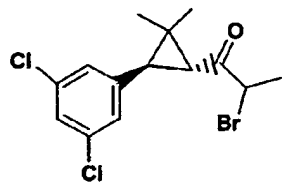


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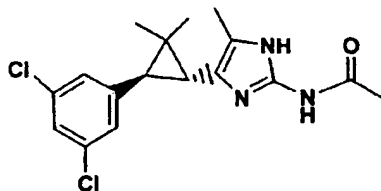
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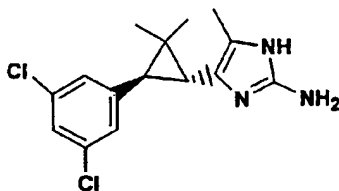
This compound was prepared by a procedure described for the synthesis of the step D compound of Example 13.

D.



This compound was prepared from the above step C  
5 compound according to the procedure described for the  
synthesis of the title compound of Example 13 part E; MS  
m/z 352 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

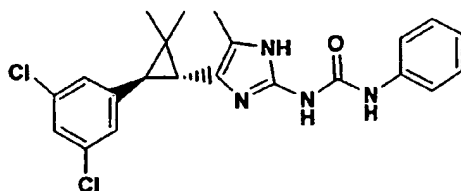
#### Example 21



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The title compound was prepared from the compound of  
Example 20 as described for the synthesis of the compound  
15 of Example 14; MS: m/z 310 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

#### Example 22



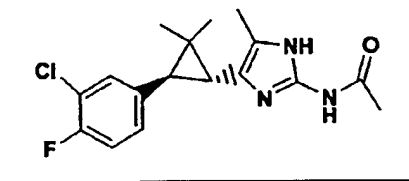
To a solution of the compound of Example 21 (8 mg,  
20 0.026 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added phenyl isocyanate  
(4.1 μL, 0.052 mmol) and N,N-diisopropylethylamine (DIEA)  
(6.6 μL, 0.052 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred  
for 18 hrs. A solution of 8.0 M ammonia in MeOH (1 ml)  
was added to the reaction mixture, the reaction mixture  
25 was stirred for 2 hr. The solvent was removed and the



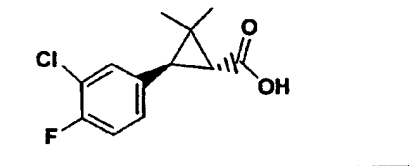
crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to afford the title compound (1.79 mg, 16%) as white powder

(lyophilate);  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ): 12.70 (s, 1H), 8.63 (s, 1H), 7.10-7.48 (m, 8H), 2.94 (broad peak), 2.25 (s, 3H), 2.01 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.15 (s, 3H), 1.00 (s, 3H).

Example 23



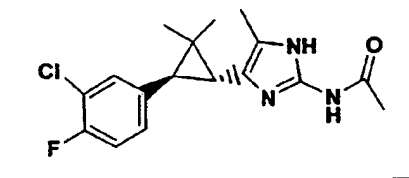
10 A.



The title compound was prepared as described for the synthesis of the compound of Example 10, steps A, B, and C.

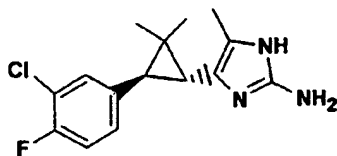
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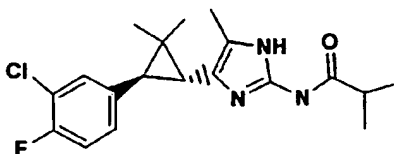


The title compound was prepared from the step A compound as described for the synthesis of Example 13, steps B, C, D and E; MS:  $m/z$  336 ( $M+H$ ) $^+$ .

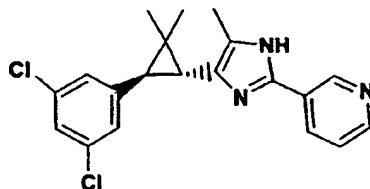
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Example 24

The title compound was prepared from the compound of Example 23 as described for the synthesis of the compound of Example 14; MS: m/z 294 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

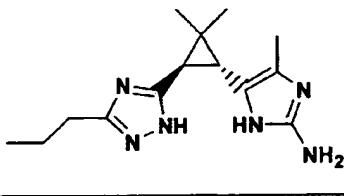
Example 25

To a solution of the aminoimidazole from Example 24 (8 mg, 0.027 mmol) in dichloromethane (1 mL) was added isobutyryl chloride (28.7 mg, 0.27 mmol) followed by the addition of N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.047 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hrs. Then the solvent was removed and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described for the title compound of Example 1 to afford the title compound. <sup>1</sup>H NMR δ (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) 13.80 (s, 1H), 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.11 (m, 1H), 3.90 (broad peak), 2.81 (m, 1H), 2.27 (s, 3H), 1.97 (d, J = 5.8 Hz, 1H), 1.26 (s, 3H), 1.25 (s, 3H), 1.13 (s, 3H), 0.99 (s, 3H).

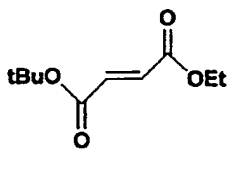
Example 26

To the freshly prepared sodium methoxide (77 mg, 1.43 mmol) was added 3-amidinepyridine hydrochloride salt (250 mg, 1.59 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred for 30 mins. Then to this reaction mixture was added the bromide from step C Example 20 (90 mg, 0.25 mmol) in MeOH (1 mL) and the reaction mixture was stirred for 18 hrs. The solvent was removed and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to afford the product (60.26 mg, 65%) as off-white powder.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR  $\delta$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ ) 9.70 (s, 1H), 9.15 (s, 1H), 7.05-7.35 (m, 7H), 2.48 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 2.11 (d,  $J = 5.9$  Hz, 1H), 1.10 (s, 3H), 1.01 (s, 3H).

Example 27

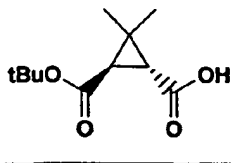


A.



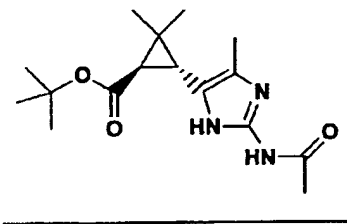
To a stirred solution of fumaric acid mono ethyl ester (30 g, 208 mmol) and di-tert-butyl dicarbonate (57.7 g, 260 mmol) in THF (300 mL) was added 4-dimethylaminopyridine (5.1 g, 41.7 mmol) in small portions at  $0^\circ\text{C}$ . The reaction mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 14 hours, diluted with ethyl acetate and washed sequentially with 10% aqueous sulfuric acid, 10% aqueous NaOH and brine. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to afford the title compound as a brown oil (33 g, 79% yield).

B.



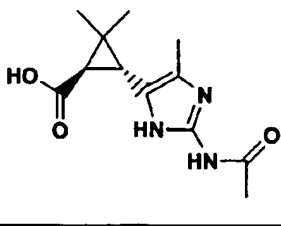
5 To a stirred suspension of isopropyltriphenyl phosphonium iodide (78.5 g, 181.5 mmol) in 300 mL THF was added *n*-BuLi (2.5 M in hexanes, 79.2 mL, 198 mmol) at -78°C under nitrogen. The reaction mixture was briefly allowed to come to -5°C. The resulting clear red  
10 solution was cooled to -78°C followed by the addition of a solution of the compound from part A (33 g, 165 mmol) in 100 mL THF. The mixture was allowed to come to room temperature and stirred for 14 hours. The reaction  
15 mixture was worked up as usual with ethyl acetate and saturated sodium bicarbonate to afford a crude gummy residue. This material was dissolved in 300 mL THF, added a solution of LiOH monohydrate (7.92 g, 198 mmol) in 300 mL water and stirred at RT for 14 hours. The  
20 mixture was diluted with water, washed with ether, the aqueous layer acidified with 10% NaHSO<sub>4</sub> and extracted with ethyl acetate. The ethyl acetate extract was dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to afford the title compound as a brown oil (19.9 g, 56% yield).

25 C.



The acid from step B was converted to the title  
30 compound via the corresponding ethyl ketone and  $\alpha$ -bromoketone by the procedure described for Example 13, steps B, C, D, and E.

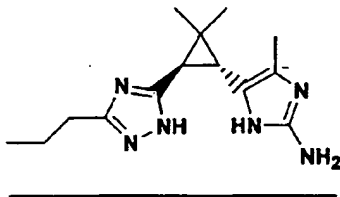
D.



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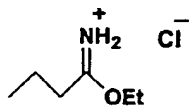
The compound from step C (200 mg) was dissolved in 1.5 mL methylene chloride, added 1.5 mL trifluoroacetic acid and the resulting solution was kept at RT for 12 hours. The mixture was concentrated to afford the title compound (238 mg, 100% yield, TFA salt) as a white solid; MS:  $m/z$  252 ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>.

E.



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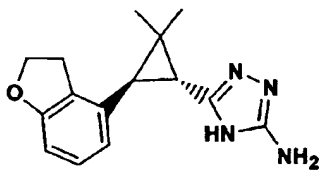
To a stirred solution of the compound from step D (20 mg, 0.08 mmol) and ethyl butanimidate hydrochloride



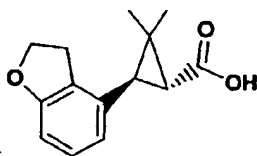
(14.5 mg, 0.096 mmol) in 0.5 mL DMF was sequentially added PyBOB (62 mg, 0.12 mmol) and triethylamine (0.033 mL, 0.24 mmol). The mixture was stirred at RT for 14 h, added 0.2 mL hydrazine and stirred at RT for 12 hours. The mixture was worked up as usual with ethyl acetate and saturated sodium bicarbonate to afford a crude gummy residue. This material was dissolved in 1 mL MeOH, added 0.5 mL water and 3 drops conc. sulfuric acid and the mixture was heated at 120°C for 48 hours. The reaction mixture was subjected to preparative HPLC (C18 column/water-MeOH-TFA 90:10:0.1 to

10:90:0.1 gradient to afford the title compound as a pale gum (7 mg, TFA salt); MS: m/z 275 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

### Example 28

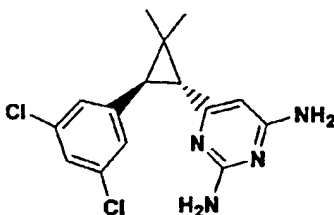


1,1'-Carbonyldiimidazole (0.314 g) was added to a



solution of \_\_\_\_\_ (0.3g, prepared as described  
in WO 9933460) in 5 mL DMF. The mixture was stirred at  
RT for 1h followed by the addition of aminoguanidine  
bicarbonate (0.53 g). Stirring was continued at RT for  
14 hours and the mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate,  
washed with water, dried over magnesium sulfate and  
concentrated to give crude yellow gum. This material was  
trituated from ether to give white hygroscopic solid  
(105 mg).

### Example 29

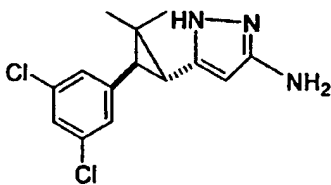


Acetonitrile (0.313 mL, 6mmol) was added at -78°C to a stirred solution of lithium bistrimethylsilylamide (6 mL, 1M in THF) in 35 mL THF under argon. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 1h, followed by the addition of a solution of the amide from part A Example 20 in 10 mL THF. The mixture was allowed to come to RT over 1h,

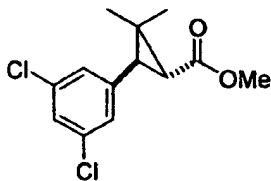
diulted with EtOAc, washed with sat. sodium bicarbonate solution, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to afford 1.3 g crude cyanomethyl ketone as pale oil. A portion of this material (1 g) was dissolved in 20 mL THF, sequentially treated with ethyldiisopropylamine (3 mL) and a freshly generated solution of diazomethane in 100 mL ether (used excess). The mixture was allowed to stand at RT for 14h, added acetic acid to quench excess diazomethane and concentrated to afford crude enol ether (1 g). A portion of this material was converted to the title compound as described below:

Potassium tert-butoxide (0.571 g, 5.1 mmol) was added to a suspension of guanidine hydrochloride (0.485 g, 5.1 mmol) in 25 mL EtOH and the mixture was refluxed for 1h. The solvent was removed by distillation and the residue was heated at 150°C for 1h. The residue was concentrated from additional 25 ml EtOH and heated for 3h at 150° and partitioned between water and EtOAc. The organic layer was dried over magnesium sulfate, concentrated and the residue purified by preparative HPLC (C18 column/water-MeOH-TFA 90:10:0.1 to 10:90:0.1 gradient to afford pale gum. Recrystallization from chloroform afforded a white solid (0.1 g); MS: m/z 323 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 30

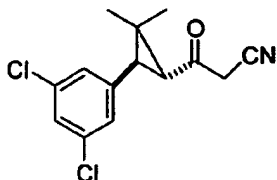


A.



This compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described for the step A compound of Example 7.

B.

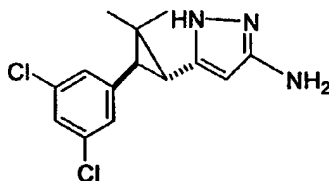


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To a solution of 0.11 g (2.7 mmol) of acetonitrile in 20 mL of tetrahydrofuran was added 2.2 mL (3.3 mmol) of 1.5 M butyllithium at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The solution was stirred for 30 min at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  and a solution of 0.3 g (1.1 mmol) of the part A compound in 10 mL of tetrahydrofuran. The resulting solution was stirred for 2 hr at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  and 20 mL of saturated  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  was added, warmed to ambient temperature and concentrated. The residue was then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were dried and concentrated to give a yellow oil which was not further characterized and was used for the subsequent reaction.

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C.

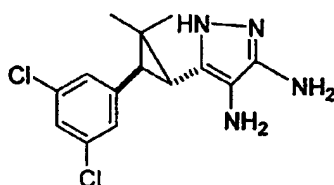


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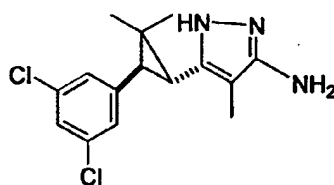
A solution of 0.31 g (1.1 mmol) of part B compound and 66 mg (1.3 mmol) of hydrazine monohydrate in 30 mL of ethanol was stirred for 6 h at  $80^{\circ}\text{C}$  and cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated (Z. Fomum, S.R. Landor, P.D. Landor, G.W.P. Mpango, J. Chem. Soc. Perkin Trans. 1, 1981 2997). The residue was purified using preparative HPLC as described for the title compound of Example 1 to afford 50 mg (16%) of the title compound, MS:  $m/z$  296  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ .

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Example 31

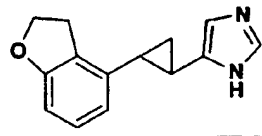
5 To a solution of 30 mg (0.10 mmol) of the pyrazole  
in 10 mL of methanol was added a solution of 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.  
The mixture was cooled to 0°C and 45 mg (0.20 mmol) of 4-  
methoxyphenyldiazonium tetrafluoroborate was added. The  
10 mixture was stirred for 2 h and concentrated. The  
residue was diluted with brine and extracted with ethyl  
acetate. The organic layer was dried and concentrated.  
The residue was dissolved into 10 mL of methanol and 2  
drops of concentrated HCl was added followed by 10 mg of  
15 PtO<sub>2</sub>. The resulting mixture was hydrogenated at ambient  
pressure for 2 h and filtered. The filtrate was  
concentrated. The residue was purified using preparative  
HPLC as described for the title compound of Example 1 to  
give 10 mg (33%) of the title compound, MS: m/z 311  
20 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 32

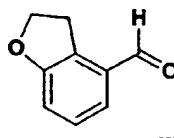
25 To a solution of 85mg (1.8 mmol) of propionitrile in  
10 mL of tetrahydrofuran was add 1.2 mL (1.8 mmol) of 1.5  
M butyllithium at -78°C. The solution was stirred for 30  
min at -78 °C and a solution of 0.173 g (0.62 mmol) of  
30 Methyl 2-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-3,3-dimethyl-carboxylate in  
5 mL of tetrahydrofuran. The resulting solution was  
stirred for 2 hr at -78°C and 20 mL of saturated NH<sub>4</sub>Cl was

added warmed to ambient temperature and concentrated. The residue was then extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layers were dried and concentrated to give a yellow oil. The yellow oil was then dissolved in 20 mL of ethanol and 37mg (0.75 mmol) of hydrazine monohydrate was added. The solution was stirred for 18 h at reflux cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated. The residue was purified using preparative HPLC as described for the title compound of Example 1 to give 20 mg (18%) of the product, MS: m/z 310 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 33

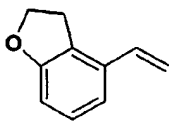


A.



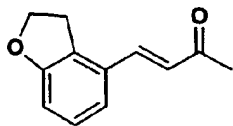
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Ozone was bubbled into a stirring cold solution of



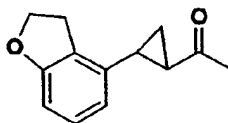
(3 g, 21 mmol, prepared as described in WO 9933460) in dichloromethane (50 mL). The reaction was monitored by TLC (20:1 hexane/ethyl acetate). Upon completion of the reaction the mixture was purged with nitrogen for a few minutes followed by the addition of Hunig's base (N,N-ethyldiisopropylamine, 5.44 g, 42 mmol). Stirring was continued while the reaction warmed to RT. The reaction was washed with 0.5 N HCl, water, and then brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>; filtered and concentrated in vacuo. The title compound (oil, 2.10 g, 69 % yield) was isolated via silica gel using 10% ethyl acetate in hexanes.

B.



5 To a solution of the aldehyde A (1.0g, 6.75 mmol) in dichloromethane (40mL) was added triphenylphosphoranylidene-2-propanone (3.2 g, 10.12 mmol). The reaction was refluxed for 16 hrs and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The title compound (white  
10 solid, 1.86 g, 99% yield) was purified via silica gel chromatography using 5% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent.

C.

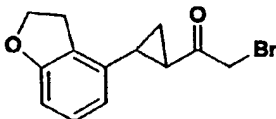


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The cyclopropanation of the ketone from step B was done (3.76 g, 20 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) at 0°C  
20 was done by adding an excess of a cold solution of diazomethane in ether followed by Pd(OAc)<sub>2</sub>. The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR. After completion, the excess diazomethane was decomposed by the addition of acetic acid. The reaction was filtered through a Celite pad and  
25 the solvent was removed in vacuo. The trans-title compound (heavy oil, 3 g, 74% yield) was isolated via silica gel chromatography using 20% ethyl acetate in hexanes.

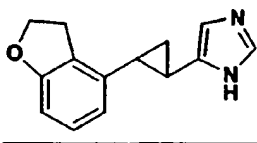
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D.



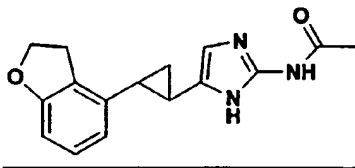
A solution of the cyclopropanated ketone C (540 mg, 2.67 mmol) and triethylamine (1.12 mL, 8.01 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) was stirred under nitrogen at RT. To this solution, tert-butyldimethylsilyltrifluoromethane sulfonate (0.92 mL, 4.01 mmol) was added dropwise. The reaction was monitored by TLC. After completion, the reaction was diluted with dichloromethane and washed with a 1:1 solution of water and saturated  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ . The organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$  and concentrated to afford the silyl enol ether as a heavy oil. The silyl enol ether was taken in dichloromethane (20 mL) and solid NBS (475 mg, 2.67 mmol) was added. The reaction was monitored by TLC. The title compound (heavy oil, 370 mg, 49% yield) was isolated via silica gel chromatography using 4% ethyl acetate in hexanes.

E.

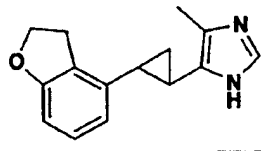


The title compound was prepared from step D compound as described for Example 12. The product was isolated as TFA salt (heavy yellow oil, 9.9% yield), MS:  $m/z$  323  $(M+H)^+$ .

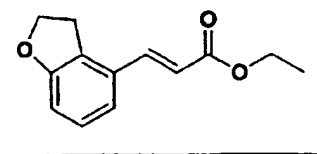
#### Example 34



The title compound was prepared from Example 33, step D compound as described in Example 13 step E. The product was isolated as TFA salt, (light yellow solid, 43% yield), MS:  $m/z$  284  $(M+H)^+$ .

Example 35

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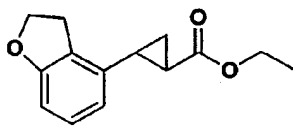


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To a stirring solution of the aldehyde from step A Example 33 (400 mg, 2.7 mmol) in dichloromethane (40 mL) was added carbethoxymethylene-triphenylphosphorane (1.41 g, 4.05 mmol). The reaction was refluxed for 16 hrs. and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The title compound (white solid, 533 mg, 91% yield) was isolated from a silica gel column using 20% ethyl acetate in hexanes as the eluent.

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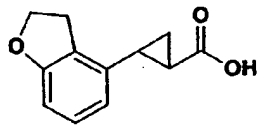
B.



The title compound was prepared from step A compound as described for the step C compound, Example 33.

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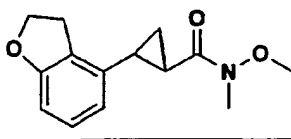
C.



A solution of the ester from step B in a 1:1 mixture of dioxane (10 mL) and 10% KOH (10 mL) was heated at 50°C for 1 hr. The reaction was acidified with 1N HCl to pH 2 and was extracted with ethyl acetate thrice. The organics were combined, dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, filtered and

concentrated in vacuo affording the carboxylic acid as an amorphous solid (410 mg, 93% yield).

D.



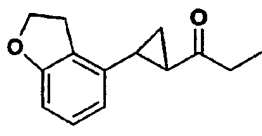
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A solution of the carboxylic acid from step C (800 mg, 3.91 mmol) and CDI (1.27 g, 7.82 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran (20 mL) was stirred for 30 min at RT. Triethylamine (2.2 mL, 15.64 mmol) was added followed by O,N-dimethylhydroxylamine HCl (763 mg, 7.82 mmol) and DMAP. The reaction was stirred at RT for 16 hrs. The reaction was diluted with a 1:1 mixture of diethyl ether and dichloromethane and washed with brine. The organic layer was dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub>, concentrated and the crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography using 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes; MS: m/z 248 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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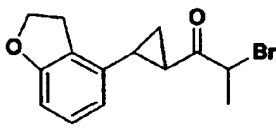
E.



The title ketone (oil, 95% yield) was prepared according to methodology used for the preparation of step C compound, Example 13, MS: m/z 217 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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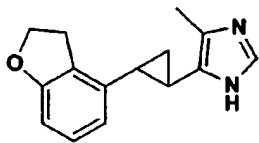
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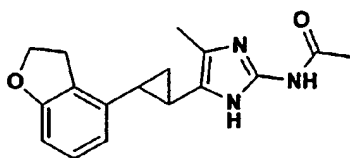
The title alpha-bromo ketone (oil, 85% yield) was prepared from the step E compound by using the procedure of the step D compound, Example 13.

G.



The title compound (TFA salt, yellow oil, 37% yield) was prepared from the step F compound using the procedure described for the synthesis of the compound of Example 12; MS: m/z 241 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

#### Example 36



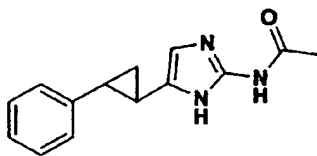
10 The title compound was prepared from Example 35, step F compound as described in Example 13 step E; TFA salt, tan solid, 10% yield; MS: m/z 298 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

#### Example 37

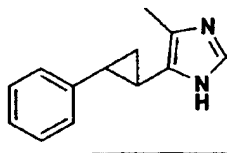
15 The title compound (TFA salt, yellow oil, 42% yield) was prepared in a manner similar to that described for the synthesis of the title compound of Example 33; MS: m/z 185 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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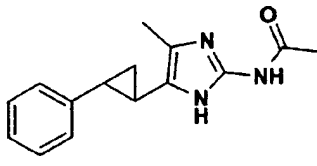
#### Example 38



The title compound (TFA salt, yellow solid, 50 % yield) was prepared in a manner similar to that described for the synthesis of the title compound of Example 34; MS: m/z 242 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 39

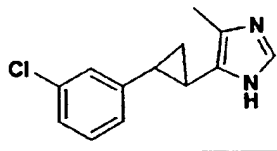
The title compound (TFA salt, yellow oil, 60% yield) was prepared via the corresponding ethyl ketone and  
5 alpha-bromoketone using the procedure described for the synthesis of the title compound of Example 35, MS: m/z 199 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 40

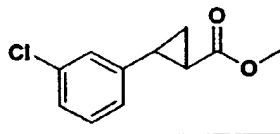
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The title compound (TFA salt, tan solid, 12 % yield) was prepared from the corresponding alpha-bromoketone using the procedure described in Example 13 step E; MS: m/z 256 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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Example 41

A.

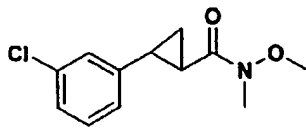


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The title ester (oil, 82% yield) was prepared from 3-chlorocinnamic acid by the method described earlier for the synthesis of step C compound of Example 33.

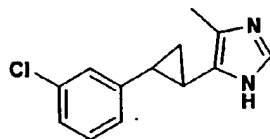


B.



To a solution of O,N-dimethylhydroxylamine HCl (695 mg, 7.13 mmol) in dichloromethane (30 mL) at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  was added a 2.0M solution of trimethylaluminum in toluene (6.42 mL). After stirring for 30 min. the mixture was warmed up to  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . A solution of the step A compound (1 g, 4.75 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) was added to the reaction mixture. After 10 min at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ , the reaction was refluxed for 16 hrs. The reaction was worked up by adding 1M NaOH (40 mL) and the aluminum salts were filtered off. The aqueous layer was separated and extracted twice with dichloromethane. The combined organic layer was dried over  $\text{MgSO}_4$ , filtered and the solvent was removed in vacuo. The title compound (oil, 820 mg, 72% yield) was purified by silica gel chromatography using 50% ethyl acetate in hexanes.

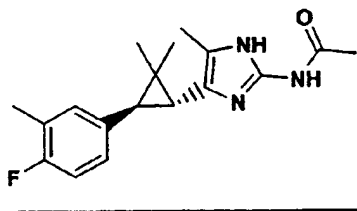
C.



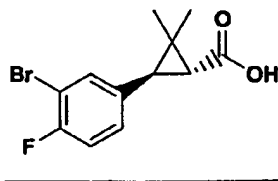
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The title compound (TFA salt, yellow oil, 15% yield) was prepared via the corresponding ethyl ketone and alpha-bromoketone using the procedure described for Example 13 step C and D and Example 12, MS:  $m/z$  233 ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) $^{+}$ .

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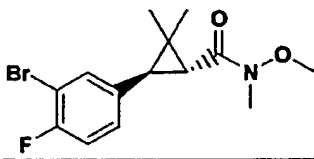
Example 41a

A.



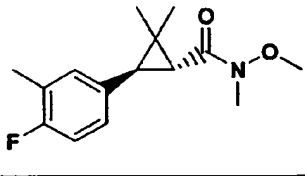
5 This compound was prepared from the corresponding benzaldehyde as described for Example 10 step A, B and C.

B.



10 This compound was prepared from the step A compound as described for Example 13 step B; MS m/z 330 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

C.

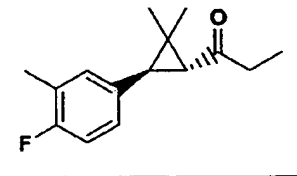


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A suspension consisting of compound from step B (200 mg), tetramethyl tin (252 mg), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (5 mg) and lithium chloride (50 mg) in DMF (3 ml) was heated to 90°C for 18 hr. The solution was filtered, concentrated, and purified by preparative HPLC (as described for Example 1 part H) to give 147 mg as clear oil; MS m/z 266 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

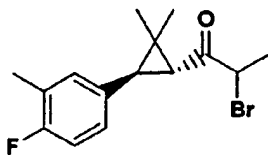
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D.



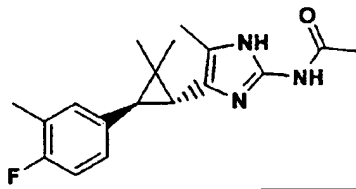
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E.



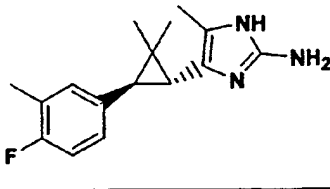
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F.



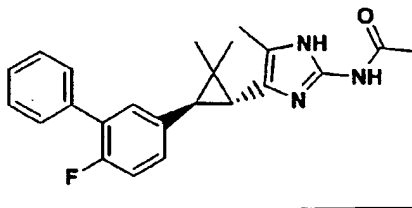
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15 Example 41b

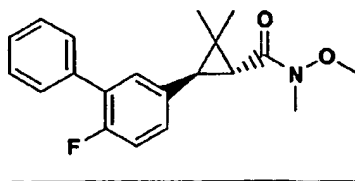


This compound was prepared from the title compound of Example 41a as described for Example 14; MS m/z 274 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 41c

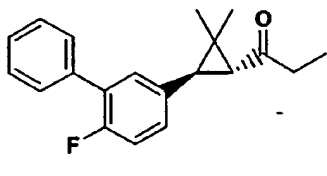


A.



- 5        A suspension consisting of compound from Example 41a step B (200 mg), phenyl boronic acid (148 mg), tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium (5 mg) and 2.0M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.76 ml) in DMF (3 ml) was heated to 90°C for 18 hr. The solution was filtered, concentrated, and
- 10      purified by preparative HPLC (as described for example 1 part H) to give 152 mg as clear oil; MS m/z 328 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

B.

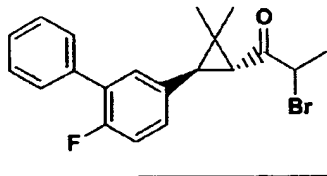


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This compound was prepared from step A as described for Example 13 step C.

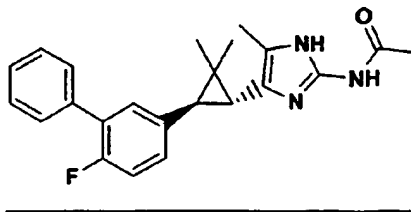
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C.

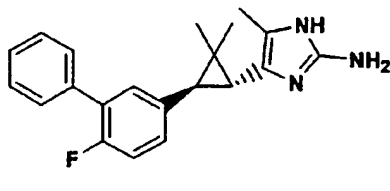


- 25      This compound was prepared from step B as described for Example 13 step D.

D.



- 5 This compound was prepared from step C as described for Example 13 step E; MS m/z 378 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

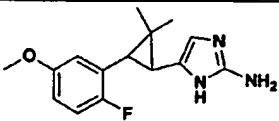
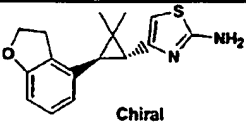
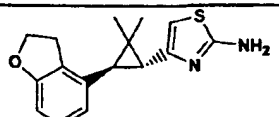
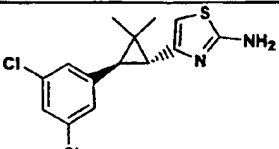
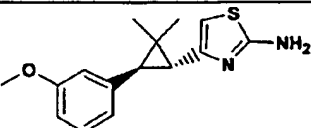
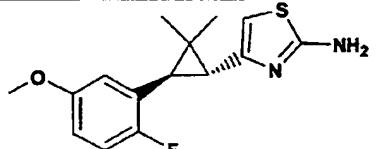
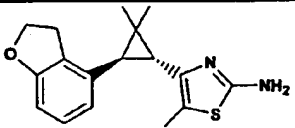
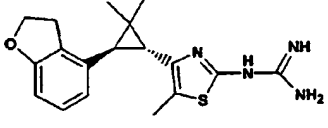
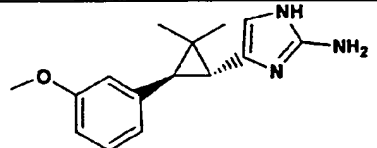
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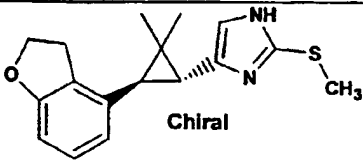
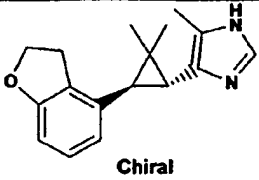
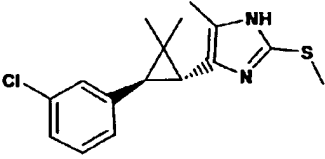
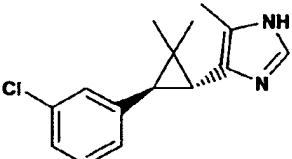
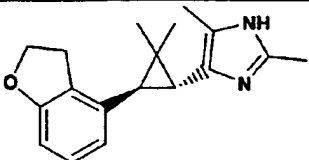
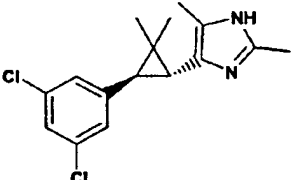
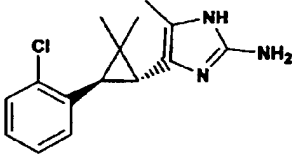
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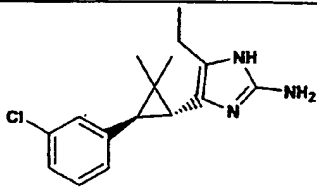
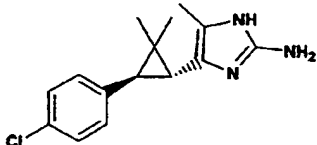
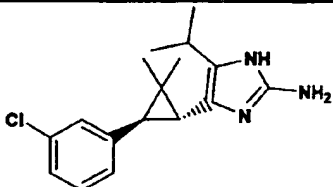
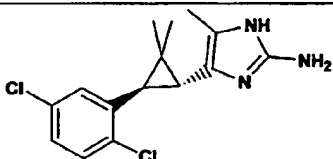
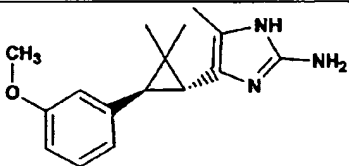
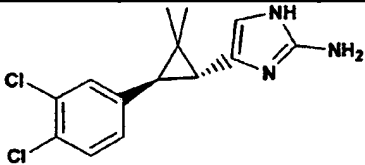
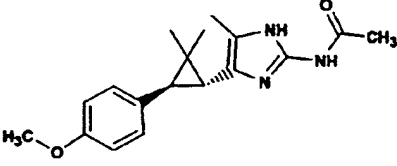
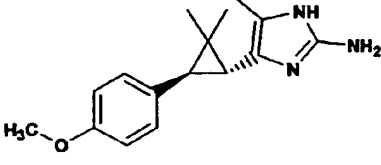
This compound was prepared from Example 41c as described for Example 14; MS m/z 336 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

- 15 The following Examples were prepared according to the procedures described above for Examples 1 through Example 41d.

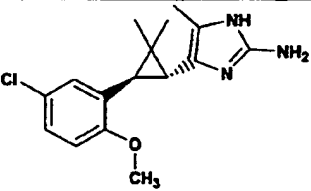
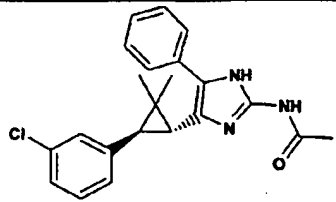
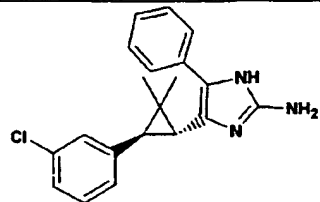
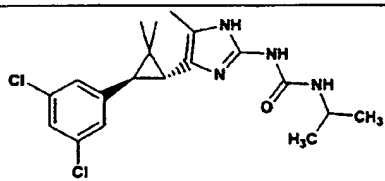
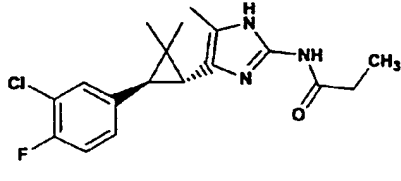
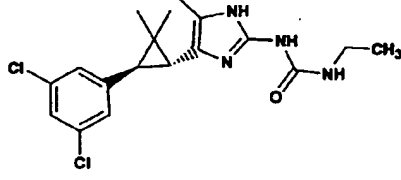
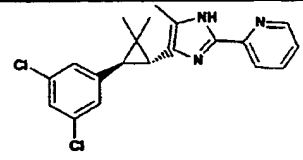
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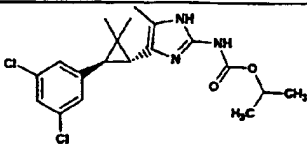
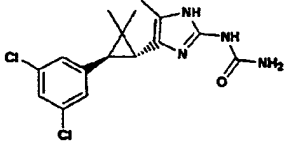
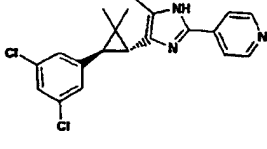
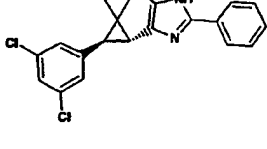
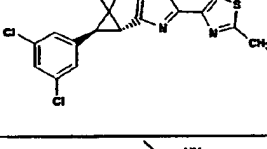
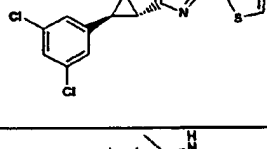
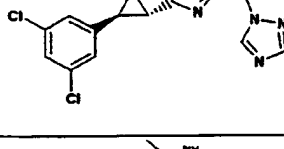
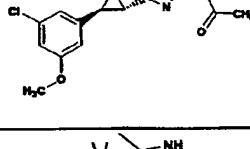
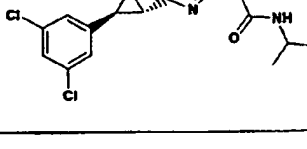
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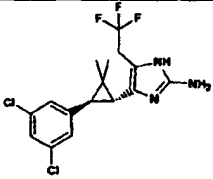
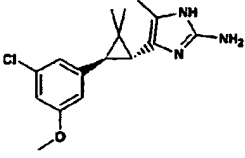
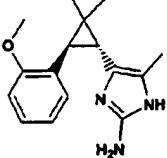
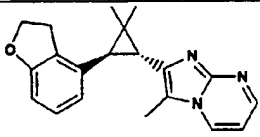
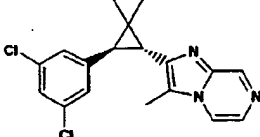
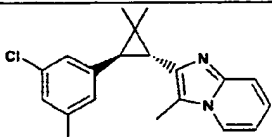
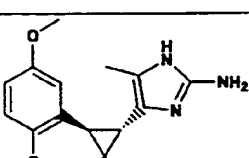
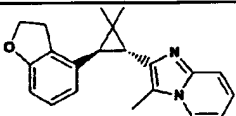
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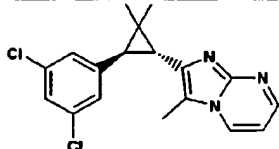
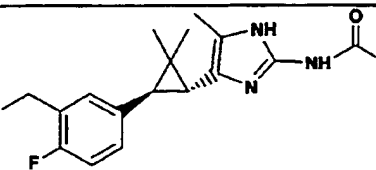
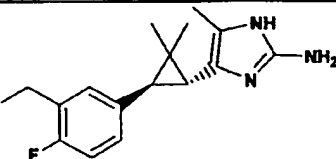
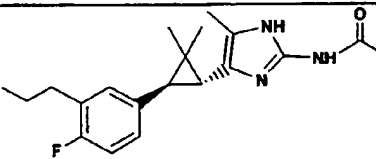
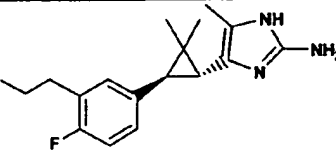
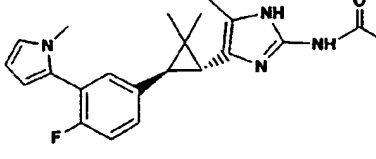
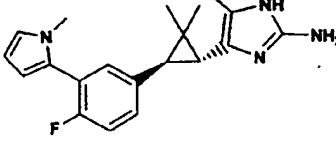
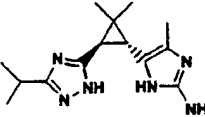
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64		310
65		272
66		296
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68		272

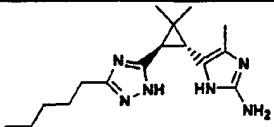
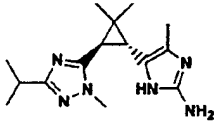
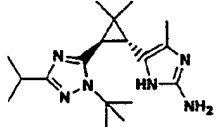
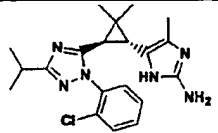
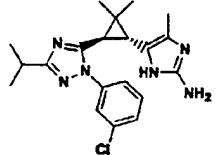
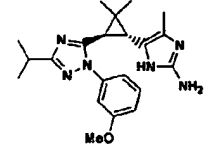
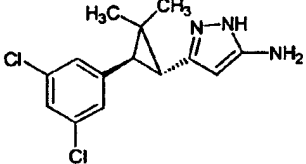
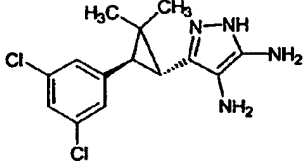


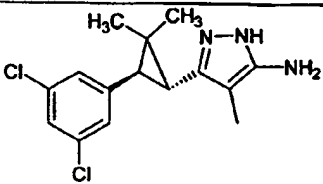
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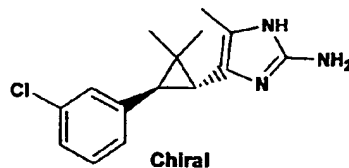
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89		346
90		345
91		290
92		319

93		346
94		330
95		288
96		344
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96b		381
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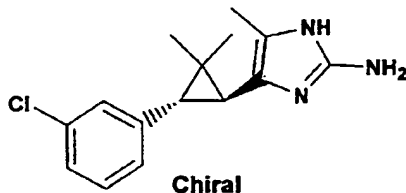
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Example 107

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This compound was prepared in enantiomerically pure form by subjecting the corresponding racemic mixture from Example 14 to chromatography on a chiral column (CHIRACELL OD/hexane-isopropanol-triethylamine

10 90:10:0.1); MS: m/z 276 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 108

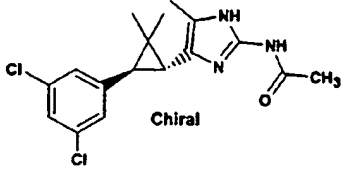
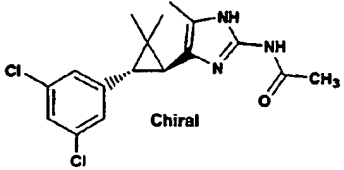
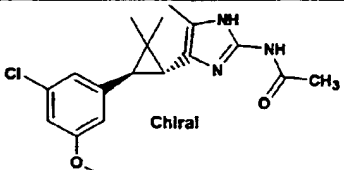
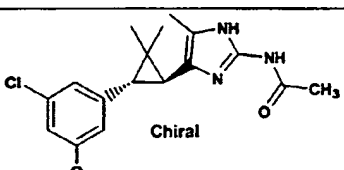
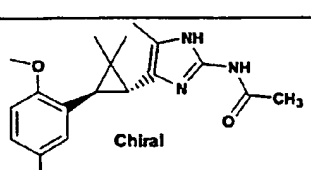
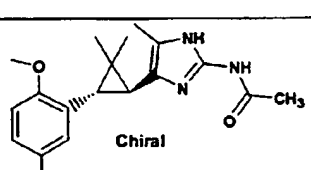
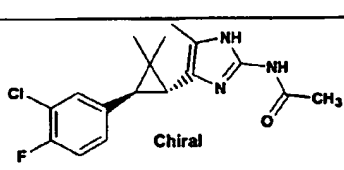
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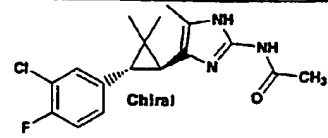
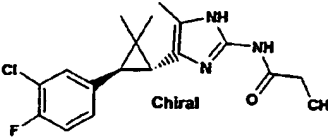
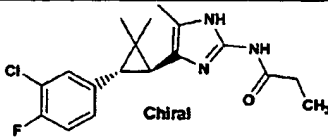
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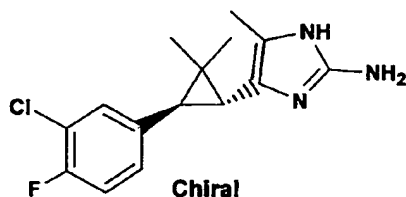
20 90:10:0.1); MS: m/z 276 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

The following Examples 109 to 118 compounds were prepared by resolving the corresponding racemic mixtures as described for Examples 107 and 108 except that hexane-isopropanol-triethylamine 95:5:0.1 was used as the eluent.

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Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: m/z (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
109	 Chiral	352
110	 Chiral	352
111	 Chiral	348
112	 Chiral	348
113	 Chiral	348
114	 Chiral	348
115	 Chiral	336

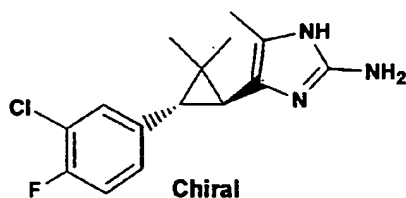
116		336
117		350
118		350

Example 119

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The title compound was prepared from the compound of Example 115 as described for the synthesis of the compound of Example 14; MS:  $m/z$  294  $(M+H)^+$ .

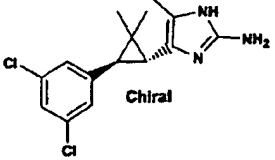
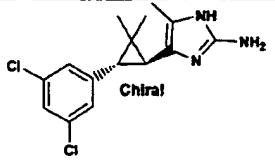
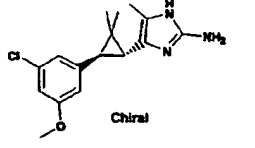
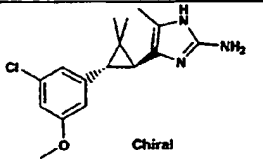
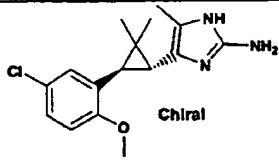
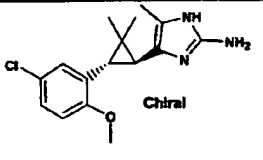
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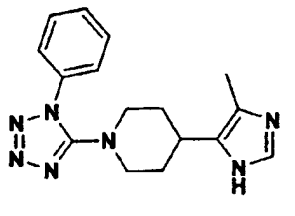
Example 120

The title compound was prepared from the compound of Example 116 as described for the synthesis of the compound of Example 14; MS:  $m/z$  294  $(M+H)^+$ .

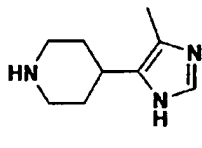


The following Examples 121 to 126 compounds were prepared according to the procedure described for the synthesis of the compounds of Example 119 and 120.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: m/z (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
121	 Chiral	310
122	 Chiral	310
123	 Chiral	306
124	 Chiral	306
125	 Chiral	306
126	 Chiral	306

Example 127

A.

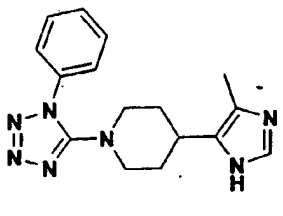


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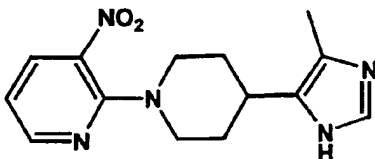
This compound was prepared as described by Jegham,  
Samir et al (EP0507650).

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B.



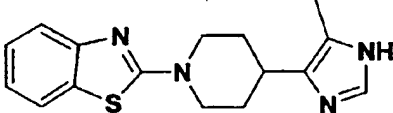
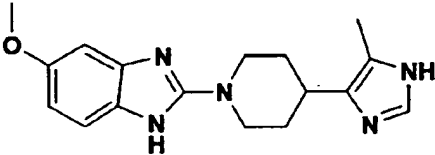
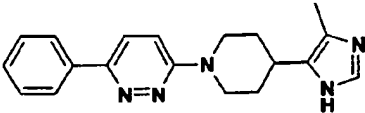
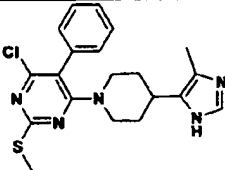
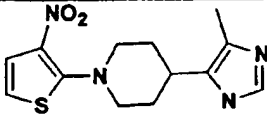
15 A mixture of 1-phenyl-2-chlorotetrazole (90.5 mg,  
0.5 mmol), compound from part A (82.5 mg, 0.5 mmol) and  
0.1 mL triethylamine in 1 mL N-methylpyrrolidinone was  
heated at 120°C for 24h, concentrated in vacuo and the  
residue subjected to preparative HPLC (C18 column/water-  
20 MeOH-TFA 90:10:0.1 to 10:90:0.1 gradient) to afford the  
title compound as a pale gum (62 mg); MS: m/z 310 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

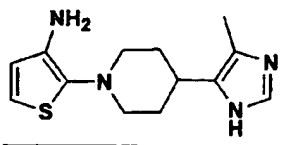
Example 128

25 The mixture of the imidazole compound from Example  
127 step A (6.00 g, 25.19 mmol), 2-chloro-3-nitropyridine

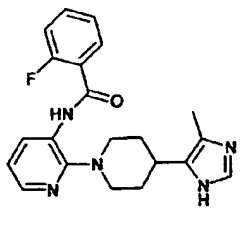
(4.39 g, 27.71 mmol) and Hunig's base (11.7 g, 90.7 mmol) in DMF (45 mL) were heated at 85°C for overnight. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was partitioned between dichloromethane and saturated sodium bicarbonate solution. The aqueous layer was washed with dichloromethane twice. The organic layers were combined, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated. The resulting brown residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% methanol in ethyl acetate with 0.1% of TEA) to give 5.7 g (yield: 79%) of the title compound as a yellow solid; MS: m/z 288 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

The following Examples 129 to 133 compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
129		299
130		312
131		420
132		400
133		293

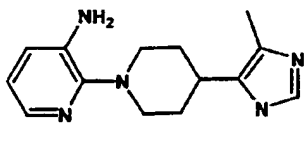
Example 134

To a stirred solution of the compound of Example 133 (100 mg, 0.342 mmol) in EtOH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1 mL:1 mL) was added  
5 ferrous sulfate. The reaction mixture was refluxed for 1 hr. Then aqueous ammonium hydroxide (0.8 mL) was added slowly and the reaction mixture was refluxed for additional 2 hours. The reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate three times and the combined organic  
10 layers dried over magnesium sulfate. After the filtration, the solvent was evaporated to afford the title compound as a brown solid; MS: m/z 263 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 135

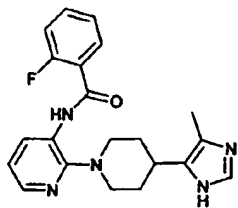
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A.



To the solution of the compound of Example 128 (100  
20 mg, 0.348 mmol) in THF/MeOH (3 mL:3 mL) was added Pd/C. A balloon with hydrogen was placed on the reaction and the reaction mixture was stirred for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was filtered and the solution was concentrated to afford (67 mg, 75% yield) the title  
25 compound as a brown powder.

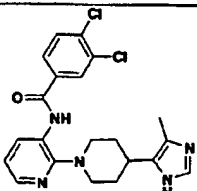
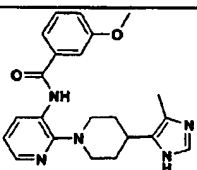
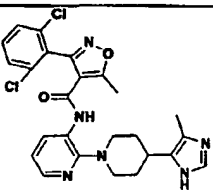
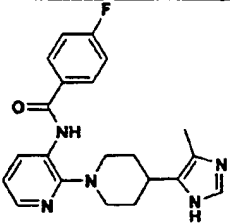
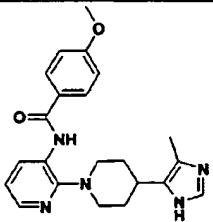
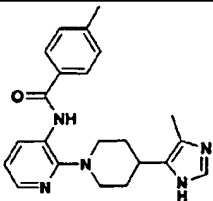
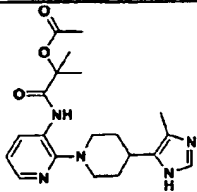
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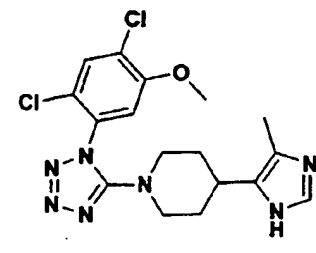


5 To a stirred solution of the step A compound (20 mg, 0.078 mmol) in THF (1 mL) was added triethylamine (39 mg, 0.39 mmol), followed by 2-fluorobenzoyl chloride (37 mg, 0.233 mmol) in THF ( 0.2 ml ). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The solvent was concentrated and the  
 10 crude was purified by preparative HPLC as in Example 1 to afford the title compound as the TFA salt; MS: m/z 380 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

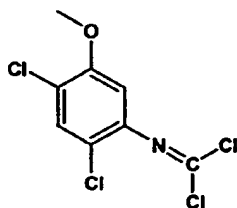
The following Examples 136 to 145 compounds were  
 15 prepared by the methods described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
136		430
137		392
138		376

139		430
140		392
141		511
142		380
143		392
144		376
145		386

Example 146

A.

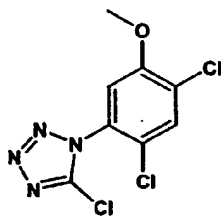


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Excess chlorine gas was bubbled through a stirred solution of 3-methoxyphenyl-isothiocyanate (2 g, 0.012 mol) in  $\text{CCl}_4$  (50 mL) at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and the reaction mixture was kept at RT for 24 hrs. The solvent was removed under vacuum to give a crude mixture containing the title compound.

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B.



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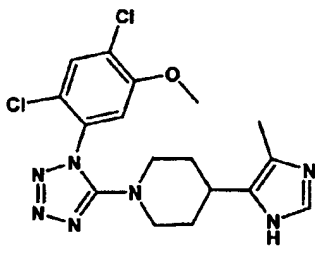
To a stirred solution of crude step A compound (3.26 g, 0.012 mol) in toluene (25 mL) at room temperature was added a solution of sodium azide (1.17 g, 0.018 mol) and tetrabutylammonium bromide (0.27 g, 0.84 mmol) in water (5 mL). The reaction mixture was stirred at room temperature overnight. The aqueous layer was saturated with NaCl and the organic layer was separated. The aqueous layer was then extracted with toluene. The

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organic layers were combined, dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by silica gel chromatography (10% ethylacetate in hexane) to give 1.5 g of the title compound as a tan solid.

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C.



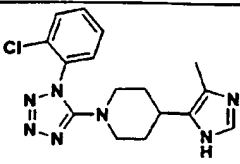
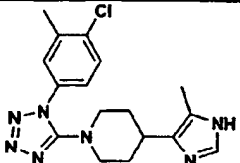
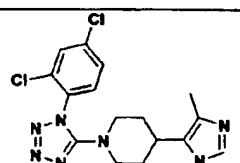
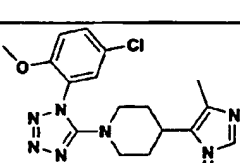
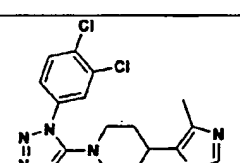
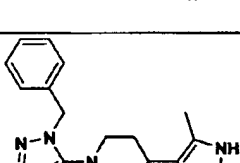
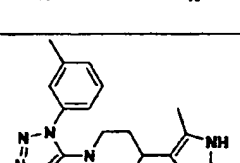
To a stirring suspension of the step A Example 127 compound (20 mg, 0.084 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was added the step B compound from above (28 mg, 0.101 mmol), followed by the addition of N,N-ethyldiisopropylamine (33 mg, 0.252 mmol). The reaction mixture was heated at 90°C overnight, concentrated and the crude product was purified by preparative HPLC as described for Example 1 to give the title compound (10 mg, 23%) as TFA salt; MS: m/z 408 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

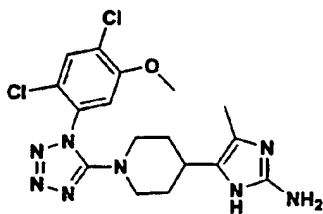
The following Examples 147 to 155 compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

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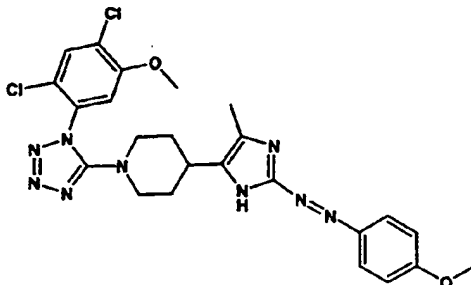
Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
147		344
148		344



149		344
150		358
151		378
152		374
153		379
154		324
155		324

Example 156

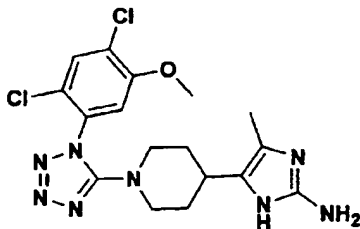
A.



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To a stirred solution of the title compound of Example 146 (28 mg, 0.044 mmol) in methanol at 0°C was added 2 M Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> in water (2.5 mL), followed by the addition of 4-methoxybenzenediazonium tetrafluoroborate (11 mg) in 1 ml of water. The reaction mixture was stirred at 0°C for 30 min. Then the reaction mixture was extracted with ethyl acetate twice. The organic layer was combined and dried over magnesium sulfate. After the magnesium sulfate was filtered off, the solvent was removed to give the title compound as a yellow/orange solid.

B.

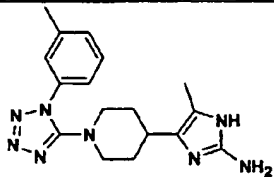
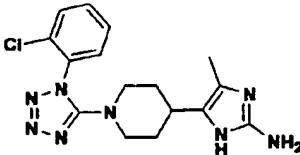
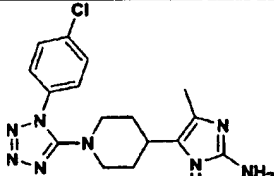
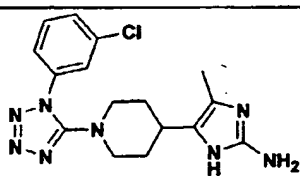
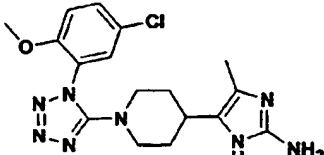


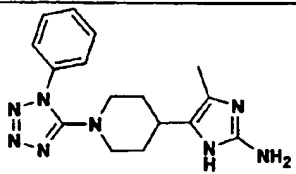
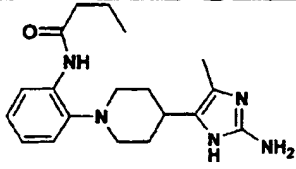
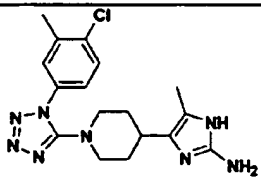
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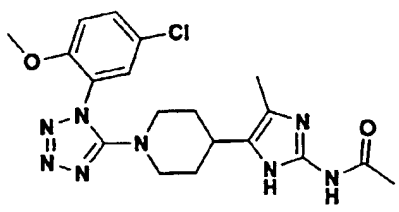
The crude compound of step A was dissolved in 2% HCl in methanol solution (10 mL). Then, to this yellow

solution was added  $\text{PtO}_2$  (10 mg) and the solution was stirred under hydrogen for 30 min until all the yellow color disappeared. The reaction mixture was filtered and the filtrate was concentrated. The crude residue was purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to give the title compound (14 mg) as TFA salt in 49% yield; MS:  $m/z$  423  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ .

The following Examples 157 to 164 compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

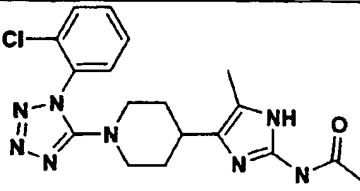
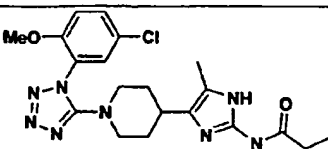
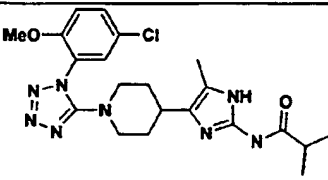
Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$
157		339
158		359
159		359
160		359
161		389

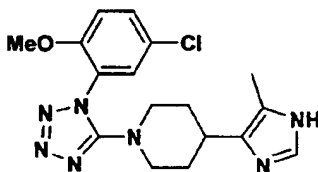
162		325
163		342
164		373

Example 165

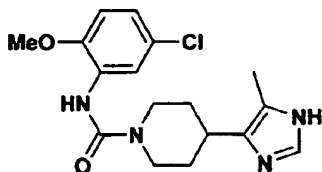
A mixture of the aminoimidazole (10 mg, 0.016 mmol)  
 5 from Example 161, acetic anhydride (41 mg, 0.40 mmol) and  
 pyridine (3 mL) was stirred at ambient temperature. LC-MS  
 was used to monitored the reaction. The reaction was  
 quenched with 2N NH<sub>3</sub> in methanol (2 mL) and stirring was  
 continued for an additional 1 hr. The solvent was  
 10 removed in vacuo and the residue subjected to preparative  
 HPLC (C18 column/water-MeOH-TFA 90:10:0.1 to 10:90:0.1  
 gradient) to afford the title compound (off-white solid,  
 0.9 mg, 85% yield) as a TFA salt; MS: m/z 431 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

15 The following Examples 166 to 168 compounds were  
 prepared according to the procedure described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
166		401
167		445
168		459

Example 169

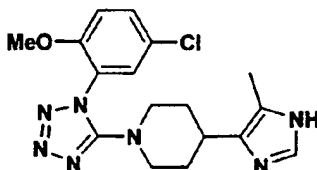
5 A.



Solid 5-chloro-2-methoxyphenylisocyanate (0.77 g, 4.19 mmol) was added to a solution containing 1.0 g (4.19 mmol) of the bis hydrochloride salt of 4-(4-piperidine)-5-methylimidazole (step A Example 127) and 935 mg (9.24 mmol) of triethylamine in 30 mL of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The solution was stirred for 2 h at RT and concentrated to yield 1.4 g

of the crude desired urea as a white solid. The crude material was used without further purification.

B.

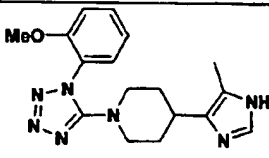
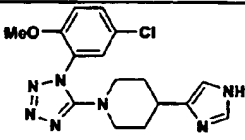


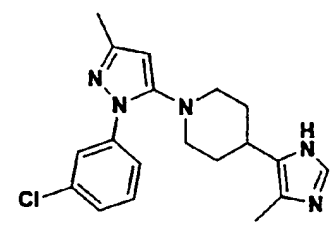
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A solution consisting of 348 mg (1 mmol) of the urea from step A and 0.93 mL (10 mmol) of POCl<sub>3</sub> in 10 mL of THF was heated at 65°C for 4 h. The solution was concentrated at reduced pressure to yield a viscous oil. A solution of 1,2,4-triazole in CH<sub>3</sub>CN (10 mL of 0.5 M) was added and the resulting mixture was stirred at rt for 1 h. The solution was basified with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc extracts were washed with brine, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and concentrated to yield 760 mg of a viscous yellow oil. The crude residue was dissolved in 10 mL of MeOH, treated with 2 mL of a 5 M NaN<sub>3</sub> solution in water, and heated at 70°C for 5 h. The solution was concentrated and extracted with EtOAc. The combined extracts were concentrated and purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to yield 250 mg of the TFA salt of the title compound as white solid; MS: m/z 374 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

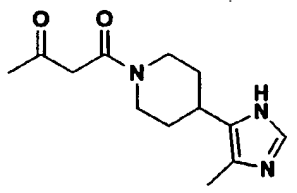
The following Examples 170 to 172 compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
170		340

171		340
172		360

Example 173

A.

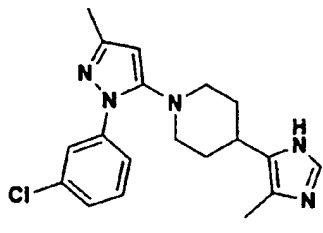


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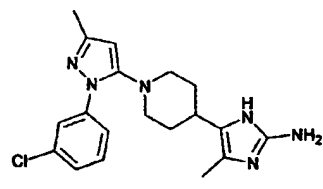
To a mixture of 1.5 g (6.3 mmol) of 4-(5-methylimidazo-4-yl)piperidine hydrochloride salt (the compound of Example 127, step A) in 20 mL of DMF was added 1.5 g (15.2 mmol) of triethylamine at ambient temperature. The mixture was stirred for 30 min at ambient temperature and 0.63 g (7.6 mmol) of diketene was added dropwise. The resulting mixture was stirred for 18 hrs at ambient temperature and concentrated. The residue mixture was dissolved in methanol and purified by preparative HPLC to give 2.1 g (90%) of the title compound.

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B.



To a solution of 100 mg (0.4 mmol) of the step A compound and 72 mg (0.4 mmol) 3-chlorophenylhydrazine in  
5 20 mL of ethanol was added 6  $\mu$ L of methansulfonic acid  
(J.\_P. Bouillon, C. Ates, Z. Janousek, H.G. Viehe,  
Tetrahedron Lett. 34, 1993, 5075). The solution was  
stirred for 4 hrs at ambient temperature, 100  $\mu$ L of  
pyridine was added and concentrated. The residue was  
10 taken up with 10 mL of pyridine and 135 mg (0.88 mmol) of  
POCl<sub>3</sub> at ambient temperature. The resulting red mixture  
was stirred for 18 hrs at ambient temperature and  
concentrated. The residue was taken up with 10% methanol  
in water and purified by preparative HPLC to give 30 mg  
15 (20%) of the title compound; MS: m/z 356 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

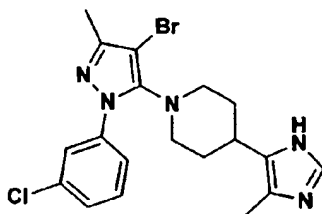
Example 174

To a solution of 8 mg (0.02 mmol) of the title  
20 compound of Example 173 in 5 mL methanol was added 2 mL  
of 2 M sodium carbonate solution in water at 0°C (A.  
Commercon, C. Gueremy, Tetrahedron Lett. 32, 1993, 1419).  
The solution was stirred for 5 min at 0°C and 4.4 mg  
(0.04 mmol) 4-Methoxyphenyl diazonium tetrafluoroborate  
25 was added and stirred for 2 hrs at 0°C and then placed in  
refrigerator overnight. The reaction mixture was  
extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was



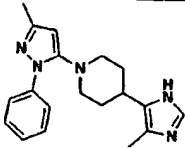
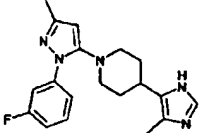
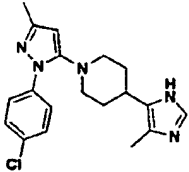
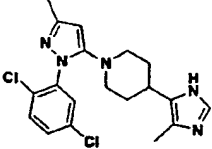
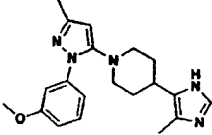
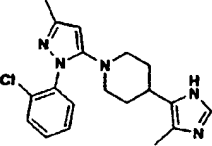
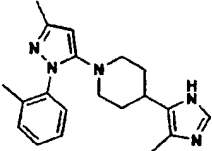
dried with magnesium sulfate and concentrated. The reaction was then taken up in 10 mL of methanol and acidified to pH 3 with a solution of 2 % hydrochloric in methanol. To this solution was added 2 mg of 25% w/w  
5 PtO<sub>2</sub> and hydrogenated at ambient pressure. The mixture was stirred for 15 min at the point the mixture was decolorized. The reaction mixture was then filtered through celite and the filtrate was concentrated. The residue was taken up in minimum amount of methanol and  
10 added two drops of TFA and purified by preparative HPLC to give 4 mg (85%) of title compound; MS: m/z 371 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

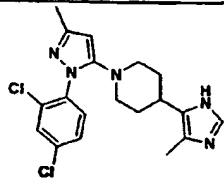
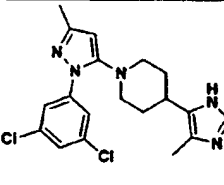
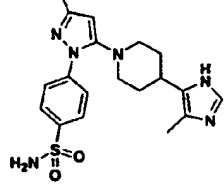
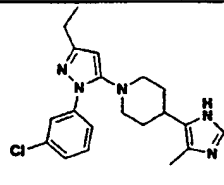
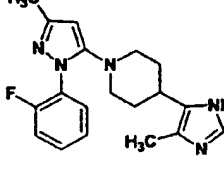
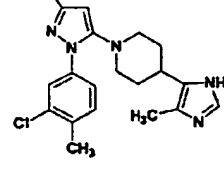
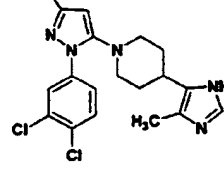
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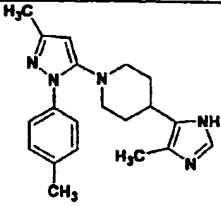
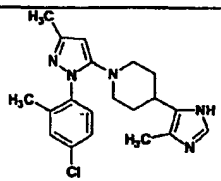
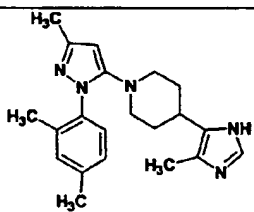
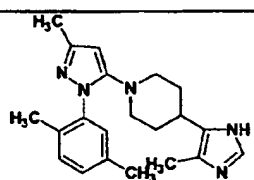
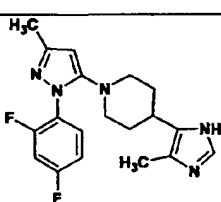
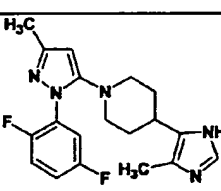
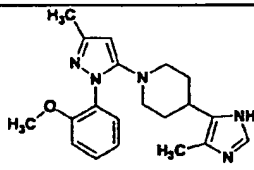


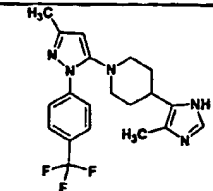
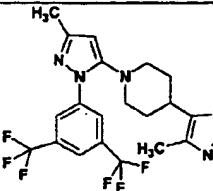
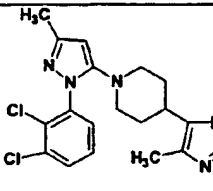
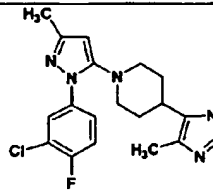
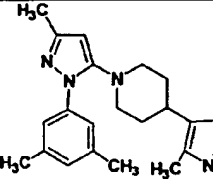
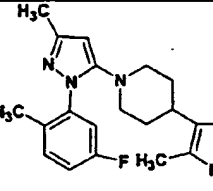
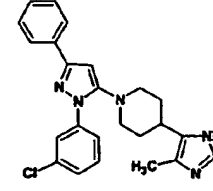
15 To a solution of 50 mg (0.14 mmol) of the title compound of Example 173 in 5 mL of chloroform and 2 mL of acetic acid was added bromine at 0°C. The solution was stirred for 1 hr at 0°C and warmed to ambient temperature. The mixture was concentrated and the crude product was  
20 purified by preparative HPLC as described for Example 1 to give 23 mg (38%) of title compound as TFA salt; MS: m/z 434 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

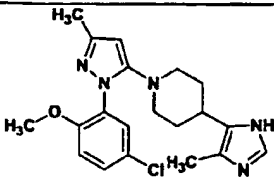
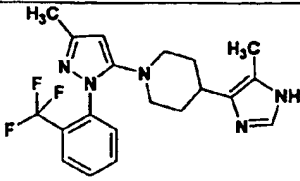
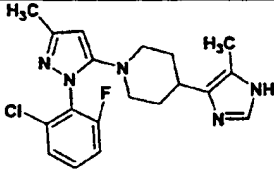
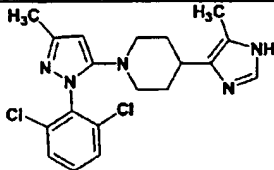
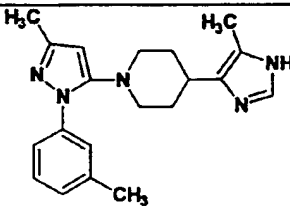
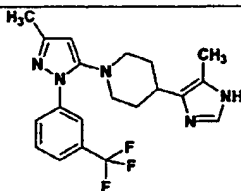
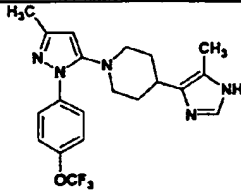
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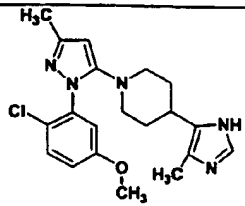
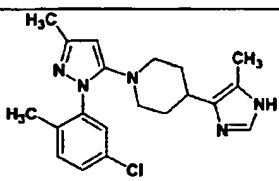
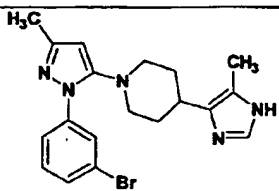
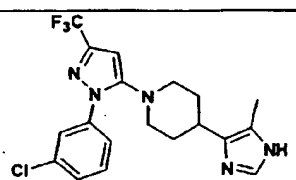
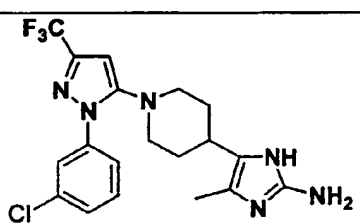
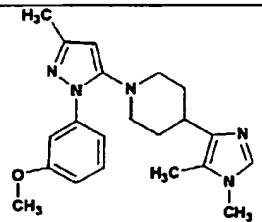
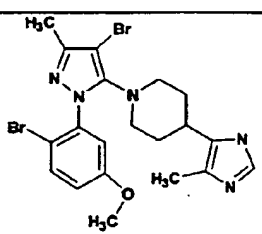
Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
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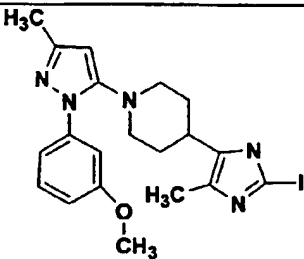
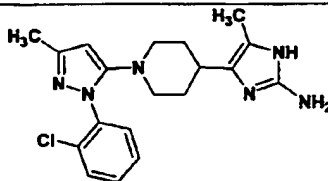
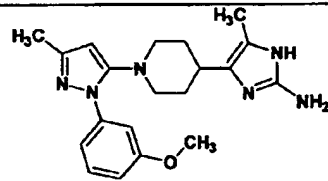
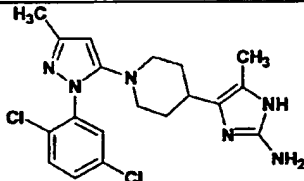
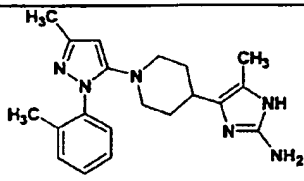
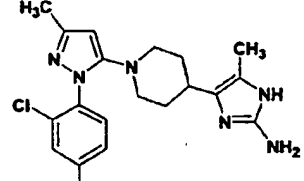
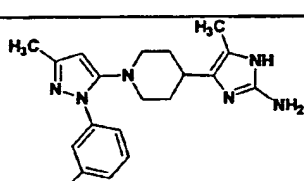
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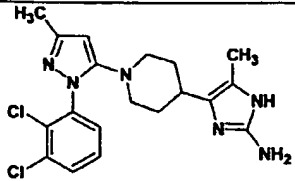
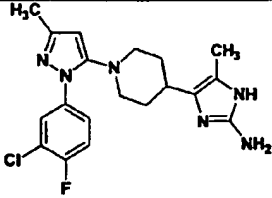
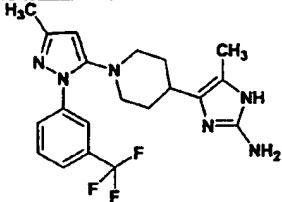
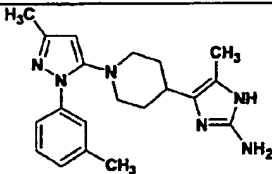
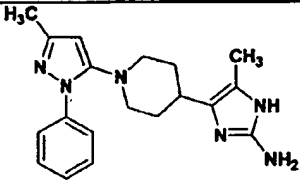
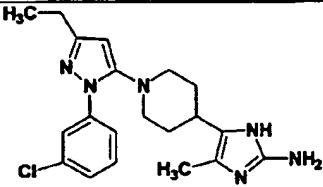
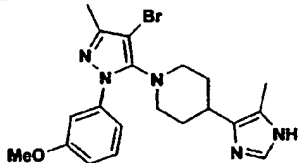
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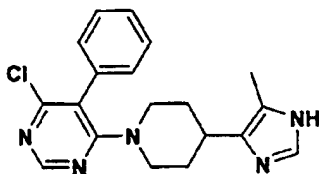
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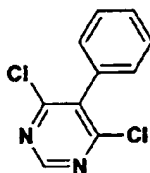
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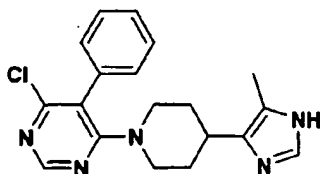
A.



5        A solution of NaOEt in EtOH was prepared by dissolving 460 mg (20 mmol) of sodium in 15 mL of EtOH. Solid 2-phenylmalonamide and ethyl formate were added sequentially and the solution was heated at 50°C for 5 h. The solution was cooled and water was added to dissolve  
10 the majority of the thick white suspension. The remaining undissolved unreacted malonamide was filtered off. The filtrate was acidified and the dihydroxypyrimidine was collected by filtration. The crude product was dried under vacuum to yield 1.2 g of a  
15 pale yellow solid that was used without further purification.

The crude dihydroxypyrimidine was heated at 100°C in 10 mL of POCl<sub>3</sub> for 2 h. The excess POCl<sub>3</sub> was removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was  
20 diluted with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, washed with water, dried (MgSO<sub>4</sub>), and concentrated to yield 950 mg of 4,6-dichloro-5-phenylpyrimidine as an off white solid. The crude product was used without further purification.

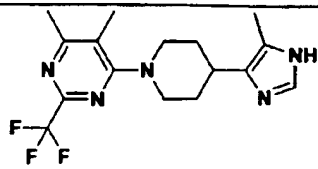
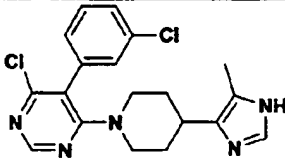
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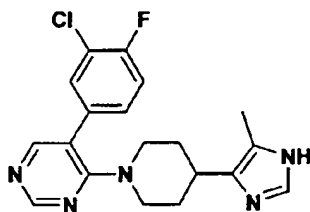


A suspension of 237 mg (1.0 mmol) of the bis hydrochloride salt of the step A compound of Example 127 (225 mg, 1.0 mmol) of 4,6-dichloro-5-phenylpyrimidine, and 276 mg (2 mmol) of  $K_2CO_3$  in 5 mL of diglyme was heated at 150 °C for 30 min. The solution was cooled, diluted with MeOH and water, and purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to yield 480 mg of the desired compound as a bis TFA salt; MS: m/z 354 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

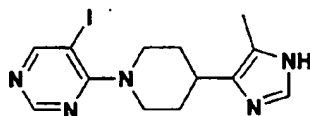
The following Examples 229 to 233 compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
229		430
230		356
231		314

232		340
233		388

Example 234

A.

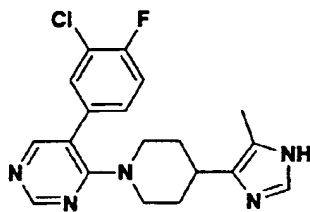


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The title compound was prepared from 4-chloro-5-iodopyrimidine in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of the title compound of Example 228.

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B.

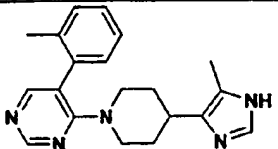
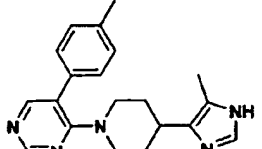
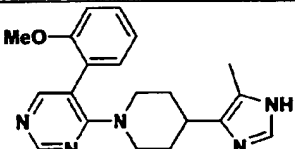
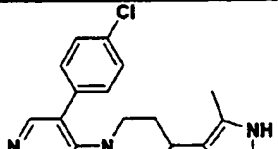
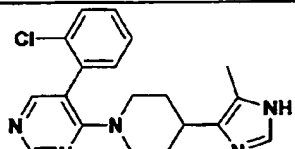


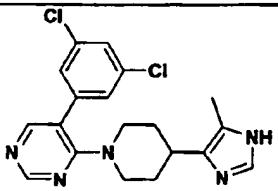
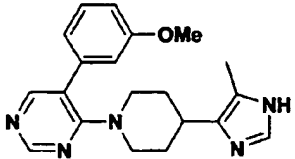
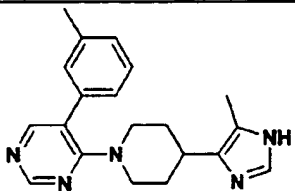
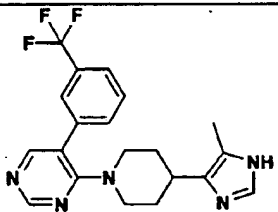
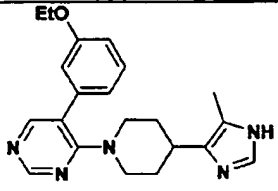
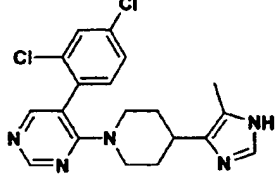
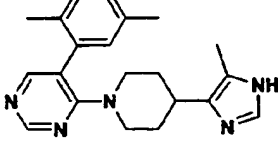
A suspension consisting of 580 mg (1.57 mmol) of the compound from step A, 560 mg (3.2 mmol) of 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl boronic acid, 6 mL of 1.0 M  $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ , and 50 mg

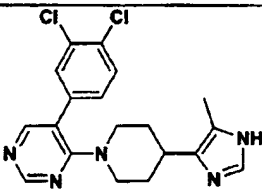
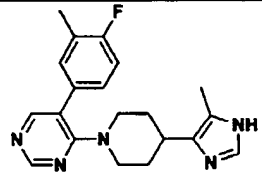
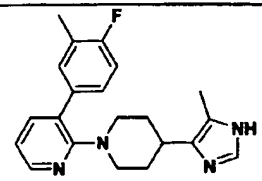
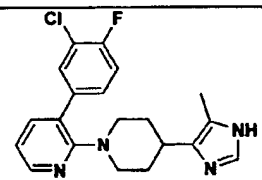
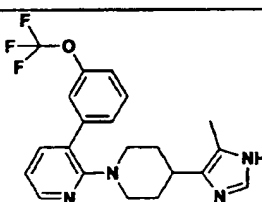
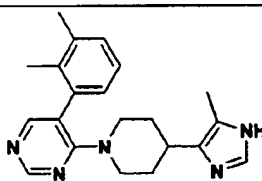
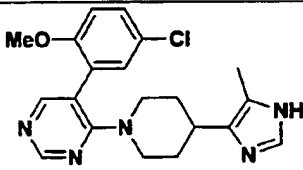
of  $(\text{Ph}_3\text{P})_4\text{Pd}$  in 10 mL of DMF was heated at 80°C for 24 hrs. The solution was filtered, concentrated, and purified by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to yield 616 mg of the bis TFA salt of the desired compound as a pale yellow oil; MS: m/z 372  $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$ .

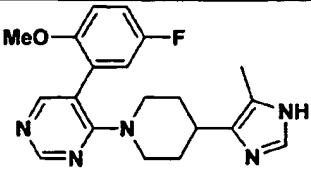
The following Examples 235 to 248c compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

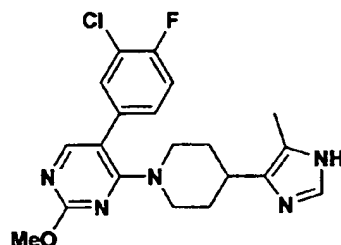
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Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: $(\text{M}+\text{H})^+$
235		334
236		334
237		350
238		354
239		354

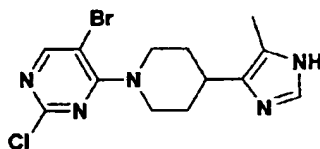
240		388
241		350
242		334
243		388
244		364
245		388
246		348

247		88
248		352
248a		351
248b		371
248c		403
249		348
250		384

251		368
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Example 252

A.

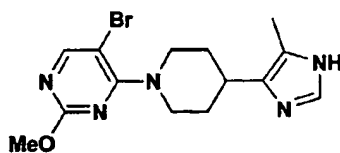


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The title compound was prepared from 5-bromo-2,4-dichloropyrimidine in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of the title compound of Example 228.

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B.

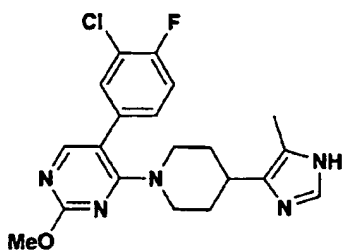


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Chloropyrimidine from step A (100 mg) was treated with excess NaOMe in MeOH at 50°C for 10h. The solution was quenched with water, saturated with NaCl, and extracted with EtOAc. The extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated to yield 83 mg of the product as a white solid. No purification was required.



C.

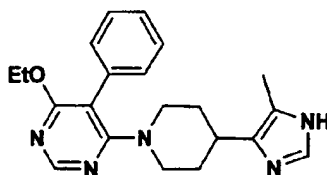


The title compound was prepared from the step B compound and 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl boronic acid in a manner similar to the described for Example 234 step B;  
 5 MS:  $m/z$  402  $(M+H)^+$ .

The following Examples 253-254 compounds were prepared by the methods similar to those described above.

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Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: $(M+H)^+$
253		415
254		457

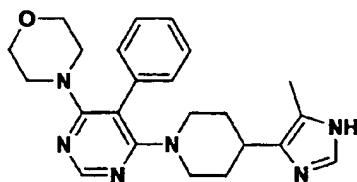
Example 255

A solution of 35 mg (0.06 mmol) of the bis TFA salt  
 of the compound of Example 228 in excess NaOEt in EtOH  
 5 was stirred at RT for 2 days and then heated at 75°C for 6  
 hrs. The solution was quenched with TFA and purified by  
 preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of  
 Example 1) to yield 13 mg of the bis TFA salt of the  
 desired compound as a yellow oil; MS: m/z 364 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>..

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The following Examples 256-257 compounds were  
 prepared by the methods described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
256		350
257		412

Example 258

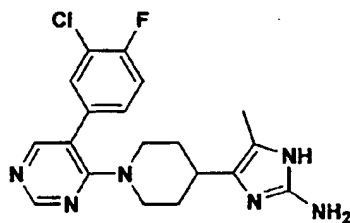
A solution of 35 mg (0.06 mmol) of the bis TFA salt of the compound of Example 228 was heated in 0.5 mL of neat morpholine at 80°C for 2 days. The solution was purified directly by preparative HPLC (as described for the title compound of Example 1) to yield 34 mg of the bis TFA salt of the desired compound as a colorless oil; MS: m/z 405 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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The following Example compound was prepared by the methods described above.

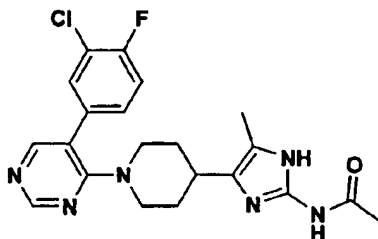
Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
259		403

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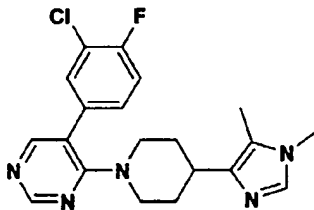
Example 260

This compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described for the title compound of Example 174; MS: m/z 387 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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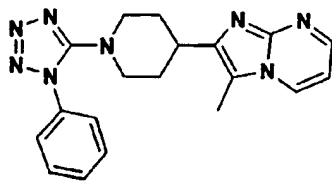
Example 261

- 5        This compound was prepared in a manner similar to that described for the title compound of Example 165; MS: m/z 429 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

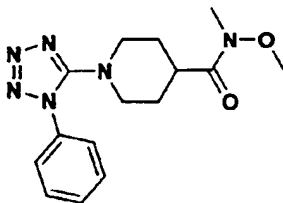
Example 262

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- Excess MeI and potassium carbonate were added portionwise to a warm solution of 55 mg (0.092 mmol) of the title compound from example 234 in 3 mL of acetone. The reaction was stopped when only a trace of the starting imidazole could be detected by LC/MS analysis of the reaction mixture. The solution was filtered, concentrated, and purified by gradient flash chromatography on silica gel (20:1:0.1 to 10:1:0.1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH) to yield 10 mg of a 10:1 mixture of regioisomers with the major being the title compound; MS: m/z 386 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

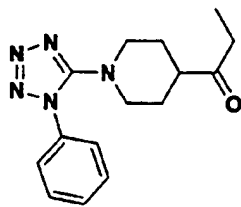
Example 263

A.



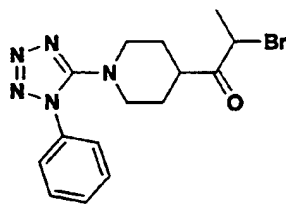
- 5 To a mixture of isonipecotic acid (3.0 g, 23.2 mmol) and 5-chloro-1-phenyl-1H-tetrazole (4.20 g, 23.2 mmol) in DMF (25 mL) was added *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (8.1 mL, 46.5 mmol). The mixture was heated at 135°C for 12 h, then cooled to ambient temperature. To the
- 10 reaction mixture was added EDC (3.9 g, 20.4 mmol) and HOBT (2.8 g, 20.4 mmol) followed by *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine (6.5 mL, 37.2 mmol) and *O,N*-dimethylhydroxylamine hydrochloride (4.53 g, 37.2 mmol). The mixture was stirred at 25 °C for 16 h, then partitioned between ethyl
- 15 acetate (200 mL) and water (200 mL). The organic layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (200 mL) and brine (200 mL) then dried (Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (silica, 70% ethyl acetate/hexanes to 100%
- 20 ethyl acetate) provided the title compound (5.2 g, 72%).

B.



To a solution of the Weinreb amide from step A (1.89 g, 5.98 mmol) in THF (60 mL) at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  was added a solution of ethyl magnesium bromide in THF (6.0 mL, 18.0 mmol) dropwise. The solution was allowed to warm to  $-25^{\circ}\text{C}$  over 1.5 h, then quenched by pouring into rapidly stirred 1N HCl. The solution was extracted with ethyl acetate (200 mL) and the organic layer washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (200 mL) and brine (200 mL) then dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ). After concentration under reduced pressure, the residue was purified by flash column chromatography (silica, 40% ethyl acetate in hexanes to 60% ethyl acetate in hexanes) to give the title compound (1.43 g, 84%).

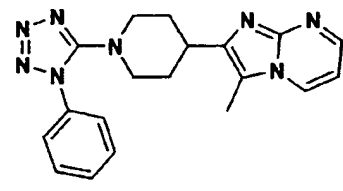
C.



To a solution of the ketone from step B (1.35 g, 4.73 mmol) in THF (47 mL) at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  was added LiHMDS in THF (4.8 mL, 4.73 mmol) dropwise. After 1.5 h at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ , a solution of *N*-bromosuccinimide (0.84 g, 4.73 mmol) in THF (5 mL) was added via canula. The reaction was quenched with the addition of saturated aqueous ammonium chloride (20 mL). The mixture was partitioned between ethyl acetate (150 mL) and water (150 mL). The organic

layer was washed with saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (100 mL) and brine (100 mL), dried ( $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ) and concentrated under reduced pressure. Flash column chromatography (silica, 30% ethyl acetate in hexanes)  
 5 provided the title compound (1.12 g, 65%).

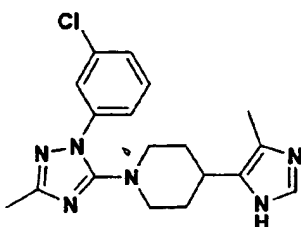
D.



A solution of the bromide from step C (41 mg, 0.11 mmol) and 2-aminopyridine (11.0 mg, 0.11 mmol) in DMF (1 mL) was heated at 90°C for 2h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure and the residue purified by reverse phase preparative HPLC as described for Example 1 to give the title compound (22 mg, 55% yield) as  
 15 trifluoroacetic acid salt; MS:  $m/z$  361 ( $M+H$ )<sup>+</sup>.

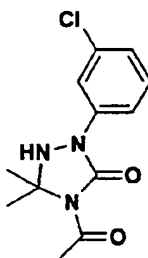
The following Examples 264 to 266 compounds were prepared in a manner similar to that described above.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: ( $M+H$ ) <sup>+</sup>
264		360
265		361
266		366

Example 267

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A.



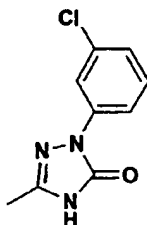
10 A solution of 3-chlorophenylhydrazine (0.5 g) in 5 mL acetone-water (1:1) was heated at reflux temperature for 2h and concentrated to afford the corresponding acetone hydrazone as an orange gummy solid (quantitative crude yield). To a portion of this material (0.1 g, 0.55 mmol) in 1 mL toluene was added a solution of

15 acetylisocyanate (102 mg, 1.2 mmol) in 0.25 mL toluene at RT and the mixture was heated at 105°C for 5h in a sealed tube. The mixture was concentrated and the gummy residue was extracted with ether. The ether extract was concentrated to afford the title compound as pale gummy

20 solid (80 mg).



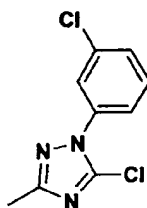
B.



5           The crude product from part A was dissolved 3 mL of acetic acid-water-sulfuric acid (10:1:0.2) and heated at 95°C for 15 minutes. The mixture was concentrated and the residue was triturated with water to afford the title compound as an off white solid (70 mg).

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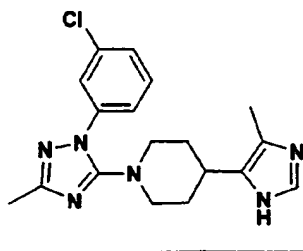
C.



15           The compound from step B (50 mg) was heated in 1 mL neat POCl<sub>3</sub> at 100°C for 3 h, concentrated and the resulting brown gummy product was used as such in the next step.

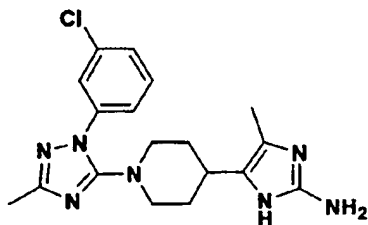
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D.



25           A mixture of the crude product from step C (50 mg), the imidazolyl piperidine from Example 127, step A (66 mg) and triethylamine (0.1 mL) in 0.5 mL N-methylpyrrolidinone was heated at 125°C for 24h, diluted

with ethyl acetate, washed with saturated sodium bicarbonate and the organic layer was dried and concentrated to afford crude product. This was purified by preparative HPLC as described for Example 1 to afford the title compound as a yellow gummy solid (26 mg, TFA salt); MS m/z 357 (M+H)+.

Example 268

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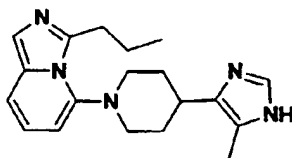
This compound was prepared according to the procedure described for the synthesis of the title compound of Example 174, brown gummy solid (TFA salt), MS m/z 372 (M+H)+.

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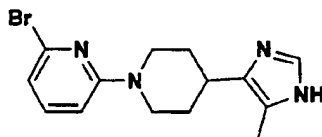
The following Examples 269-270 compounds were prepared employing procedures described herein.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
269		371
270		386

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Example 271

A.

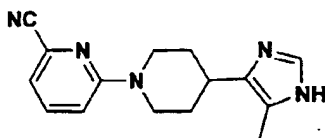


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To a solution of the piperidine intermediate from step A, Example 127 (5.0 g, 21.1 mmol) in DMF (150 mL) was added DBU (9.46 mL, 63.3 mmol) followed by 2,6-dibromopyridine (6.5 g, 27.5 mmol). The reaction mixture was stirred at 100°C for 9 hrs under nitrogen. Then the solvent was removed by rotary evaporation under high vacuum and the resulting residue was purified by silica gel chromatography using 10% methanol in dichloromethane as the eluent to give the title compound (6.6 g, 98% yield).

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B.

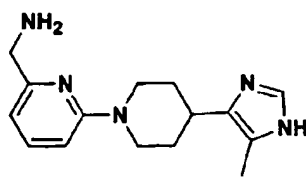


A mixture of the compound from step A (1.0 g, 3.1 mmol) and CuCN (558 mg, 6.23 mmol) in DMF (31 mL) was heated at 150°C under nitrogen for 16 hrs. The reaction mixture was then poured into water (100 mL) and the resulting precipitate was removed by filtration. The solid was collected, suspended in TFA (50 mL) and agitated with ultrasonication for 5 mins. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated and passed through a reverse phase cartridge (C18 silica) using 30%

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methanol in water as the eluent. The solvent was removed to give the title compound as a solid (398 mg, 48% yield).

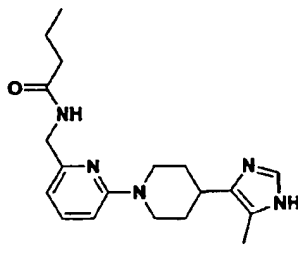
5 C.



To a solution of the compound from step B (547 mg, 2.0 mmol) in methanol (50 mL) was added concentrated HCl (0.4 mL) and palladium on carbon (10%). The reaction mixture was stirred under 1 atm hydrogen for 14 hrs, then the flask was purged with nitrogen and the reaction mixture was filtered through a pad of celite. The solvent was removed to give the title compound as the hydrochloride salt.

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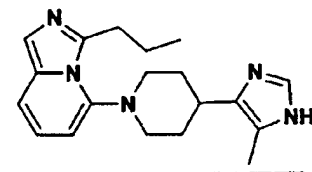
D.



To a solution of the compound from step C (245 mg, 0.80 mmol) in dichloromethane (10 mL) at 0°C was added N,N-diisopropylethylamine (0.94 mL, 5.42 mmol) followed by butyryl chloride (0.28 mL, 2.7 mmol). The ice bath was removed and the reaction mixture was stirred at 25°C for 30 mins. The TLC (10% methanol in dichloromethane) analysis showed the presence of a diacylated intermediate (R<sub>f</sub> = 0.8). The reaction mixture was diluted with ethyl acetate (40 mL) and washed sequentially with water (20 mL), saturated aqueous sodium bicarbonate (20 mL) and brine (20 mL). The organic layer was dried over sodium

sulfate. After the sodium sulfate was filtered, the solvent was removed. The resulting crude material was taken up in methanol (5 mL) and treated with 2 drops of 15% aqueous sodium hydroxide. After 5 mins, the solution  
5 was rendered acidic with TFA and subjected to preparative HPLC to give the title compound (205 mg, 67% yield) as a pale red oil.

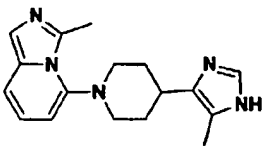
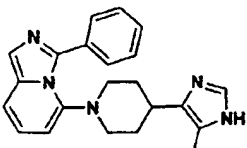
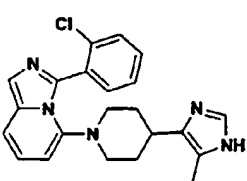
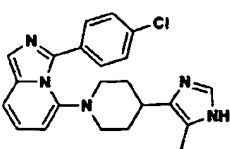
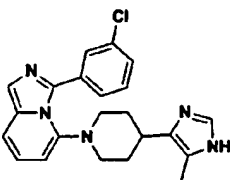
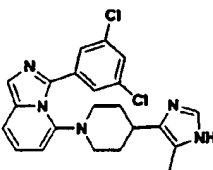
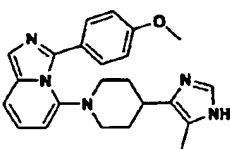
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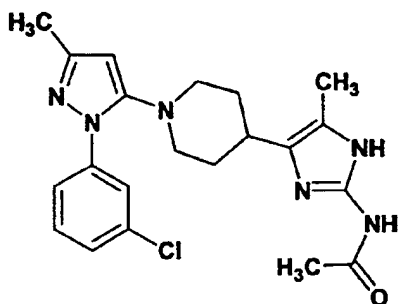


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A solution of the compound from step D (72 mg, 0.21 mmol) in POCl<sub>3</sub> (5 mL) was heated at 80°C for 12 hrs. After cooling to room temperature, the reaction mixture was quenched by the dropwise addition of the solution to  
15 ice. After melting the remaining ice, the aqueous solution was rendered basic (pH 8-9) with concentrated ammonium hydroxide. The resulting suspension was then extracted with dichloromethane (100 mL) and the organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. After the  
20 filtration, the solvent was removed and the resulting crude was taken up in a solution of 30 % methanol in water and treated with 3 drops of TFA to give a precipitate. After filtration, the filtrate was concentrated to give the title compound (67 mg, 98%  
25 yield); MS m/z 324 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

The following Examples 272 to 278 compounds were prepared by the methods described above.

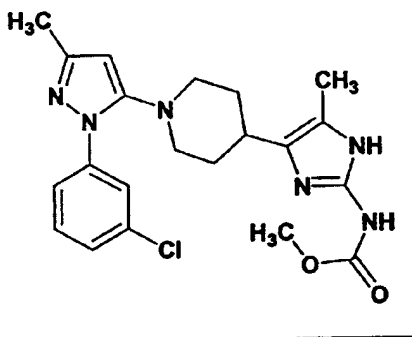
Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
272		296
273		358
274		392
275		392
276		392
277		427
278		388

Example 279

To a solution of 15 mg (0.04 mmol) of the title  
5 compound 174 in 5 mL dichloromethane at 0°C was added  
56 µL (0.8 mmol) of acetyl chloride followed by 11 µL of  
triethyl amine. The solution was stirred for 30 min and  
5 mL of 2M NH<sub>3</sub> in methanol was added. The resulting  
solution was stirred for 4 hr and the solvent was  
10 removed. The residue mixture was purified by preparative  
HPLC to give 2 mg (10%) of the title compound as TFA  
salt; MS: m/z 413 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

Example 280

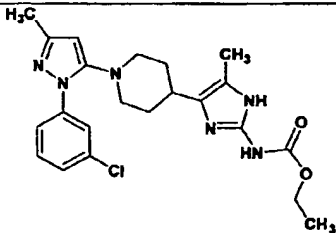
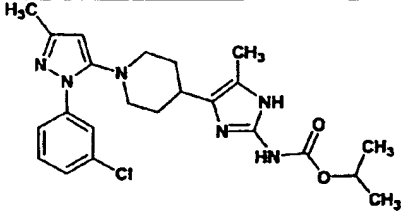
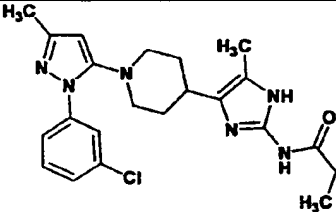
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To a solution of 8 mg (0.02 mmols) of the title compound 174 in 5 mL DCM at 0°C was added 23  $\mu$ L (0.3 mmol) of methyl chloroformate followed by 11  $\mu$ L of triethyl amine. The reaction solution was stirred for 2 hr and 5 mL of 2M  $\text{NH}_3$  in methanol was added. The resulting solution was stirred for 18 hr and concentrated. The residual mixture was purified by preparative HPLC to give 1.2 mg (15%) of the title compound as TFA salt; MS:  $m/z$  429  $(M+H)^+$ .

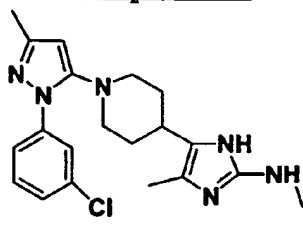
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The following Examples 281-283 compounds were prepared by using the procedures described for the synthesis of Examples 279 and 280 compounds.

Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: $(M+H)^+$
281		443
282		457
283		427

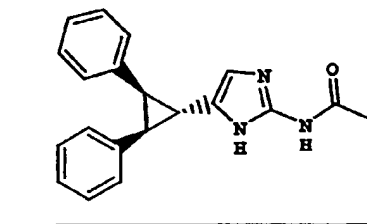
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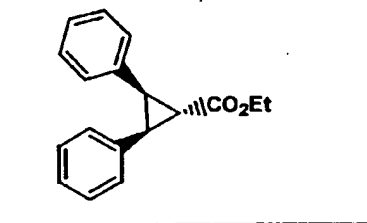
Example 284

To a solution of 10 mg (.027 mmol) of the title  
 5 compound 174 in 5 mL of methanol was add 5 mg (.04mmol) of  
 1H-benzotriazole-1-methanol (A.R.Katritzky, R.P.Musgrave,  
 B.Rachwal, C.Zaklika, Heterocycles, 41, 1995, 34). The  
 solution was stirred for 15 hrs at ambient temperature and  
 2 mg(.04mmol) of sodium borohydride was added. The  
 10 solution was stirred for 6 hrs at ambient temperature and  
 acidified with TFA. The solution was purified with  
 preparative HPLC to give 1 mg (10%) of the title compound  
 as TFA salt; MS: m/z 385 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>.

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Example 285

A.

Ethyl 2,3-cis-diphenylcyclopropane carboxylate

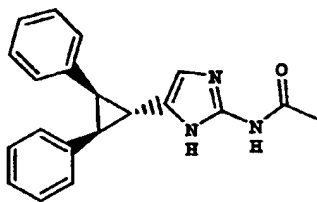
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A solution of tris(4-bromophenyl)aminium  
 hexachloroantimonate (245 mg) in dichloromethane (10 mL)  
 was cooled in an ice bath and purged with nitrogen for  
 1h. To this was added a solution of *cis*-stilbene (180

mg) and ethyl diazoacetate (1.14 g) in dichloromethane (10mL). The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and allowed to warm to ambient temperature. The reaction was quenched with saturated potassium carbonate solution in methanol (5mL), diluted with water and extracted with ethyl acetate. The organic layer was separated, dried over magnesium sulfate and concentrated to give crude title compound (0.1 g) which was used without purification.

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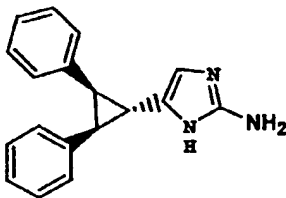
B.



The ester from part A may be converted to the corresponding acid via saponification with KOH in a mixture of water and dioxane. The resulting acid may be converted to the title compound by using the procedure described in Example 13 parts B, C, D and E.

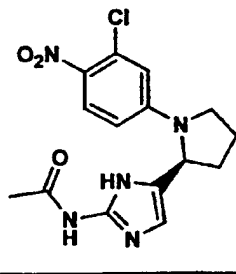
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#### Example 286

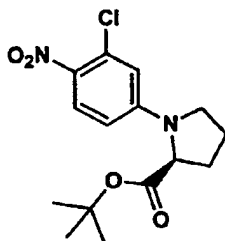


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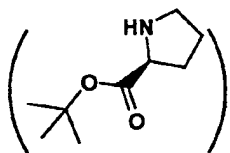
This compound may be prepared from the title compound Example 285 by using the procedure described in Example 14.

Example 287

A.

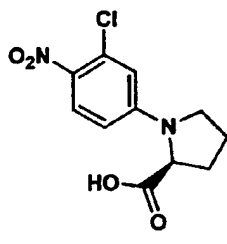


5 To a solution of L-proline ~~tert~~-butyl ester



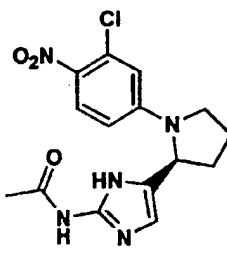
(1.06 g, 7.5 mmol) in dry DMSO (10 ml) were added 3-chloro-4-nitrofluorobenzene (1.48 g, 8.4 mmol) and diisopropylethylamine (2.60 mL, 15 mmol). The resulting solution was heated at 110°C in a sealed tube  
 10 for 48 hours. The reaction mixture was cooled to room temperature and partitioned between brine and ethyl acetate. The aqueous layer was extracted with ethyl acetate. The combined organic extracts were washed with water, dried over sodium sulfate, and concentrated in  
 15 vacuo. Purification of the crude residue on silica gel (7:3/EtOAc-hexanes) provided 1.98 g (90%) of a pale yellow solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 8.13 (1H, d, J=2.7 Hz), 8.02 (1H, dd, J=9.3 Hz, 2.7 Hz), 6.92 (1H, d, J=9.3 Hz), 5.01 (1H, dd, J=9.2 Hz, 3.9 Hz), 3.35 (1H, m), 3.30 (1H, m), 2.31 (1H, m), 2.07 (1H, m), 2.02 (2H, m), 1.38 (9H, s).

B.

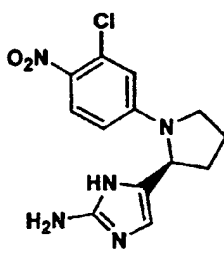


The Part A compound (0.44 g, 1.5 mmol) was dissolved in 1:1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-trifluoroacetic acid (5 mL). The resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 12 hours. The reaction mixture was concentrated *in vacuo* and azeotroped with toluene to afford 350 mg of the title compound as a brown solid. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OD) δ 8.26 (1H, d, J=2.7 Hz), 8.17 (1H, dd, J=9.3 Hz, 2.7 Hz), 7.19 (1H, d, J=9.3 Hz), 5.20 (1H, dd, J=9.2 Hz, 3.9 Hz), 3.94 (1H, m), 3.77 (1H, m), 2.64 (1H, m), 2.27 (1H, m), 2.19 (3H, m).

C.

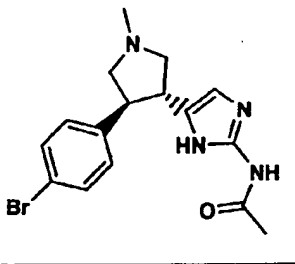


This compound may be prepared from the part B compound by using the procedure described in Example 13 parts B, C, D and E.

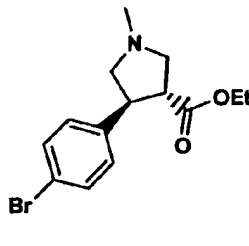
Example 288

This compound may be prepared from the title compound Example 287 by using the procedure described in Example 14.

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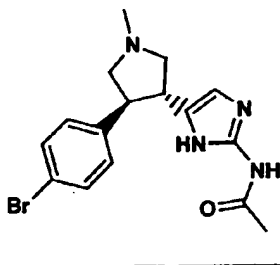
Example 289

A.



A mixture of ethyl 4-bromocinnamate (0.5 g, 2 mmol),  
10 sarcosine (0.19 g, 2.2 mmol), and paraformaldehyde (0.19  
g, 6.4 mmol) in benzene (50 mL) was stirred for 10 hr at  
reflux with continuous removal of water. The mixture was  
cooled to ambient temperature and concentrated. The  
residue was chromatographed on silica gel (ethyl acetate)  
15 to give the desired product (0.21 g).

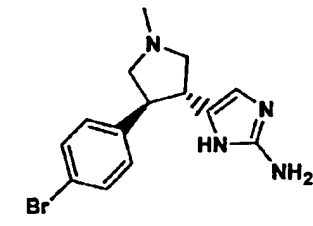
B.



The ester from Part A may be converted to the  
20 corresponding acid via saponification with KOH in a

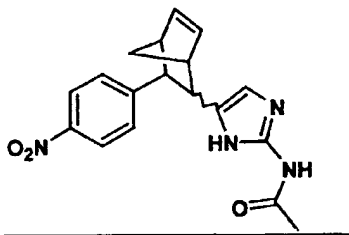
mixture of water and dioxane. The resulting acid may be converted to the title compound by using the procedure described in Example 13 parts B, C, D and E.

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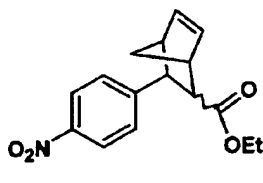
Example 290

This compound may be prepared from the title compound Example 289 by using the procedure described for Example 14.

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Example 291

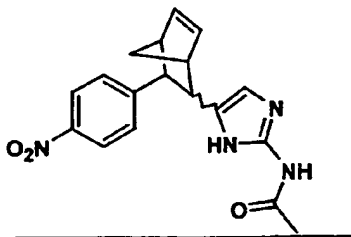
A.



15 To a solution of ethyl 4-nitrocinnamate (0.5 g, 2.2 mmol) and cyclopentadiene (0.17 g, 2.7 mmol) in toluene (20 mL) was added 1M solution of diethylaluminum chloride (2.6 mL, 2.6 mmol) in hexane at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The resulting solution was stirred at  $-78^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 1.5 h and warmed to  
20 ambient temperature and stirred for 12 h. The solution was washed with 1N NaOH solution, dried ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ) and concentrated. The residue was chromatographed on silica

gel (ethyl acetate:hexanes/1:4) to give the desired product (0.39 g) as a 4:1 mixture of 2 isomers.

B.

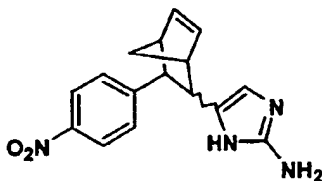


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The ester from part A may be converted to the corresponding acid via saponification with KOH in a mixture of water and dioxane. The resulting acid may be converted to the title compound by using the procedure described in Example 13 parts B, C, D and E.

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#### Example 292

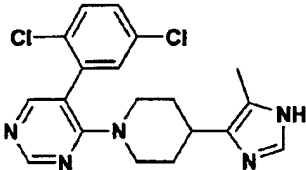
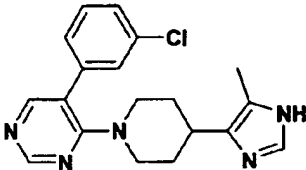
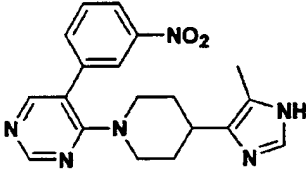
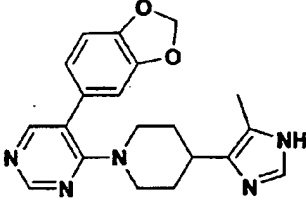
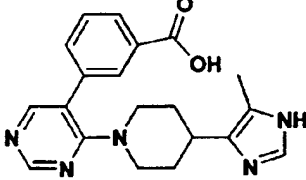


This compound may be prepared from the title compound of Example 291 by using the procedure described in Example 14.

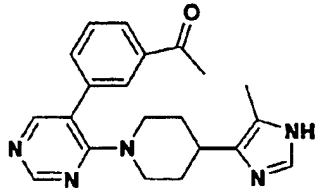
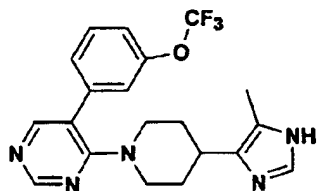
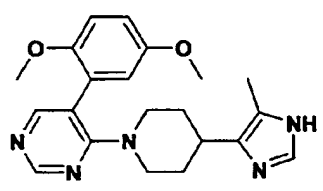
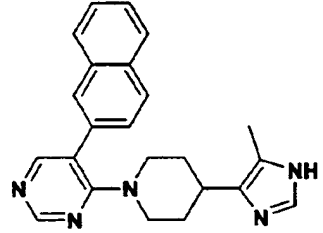
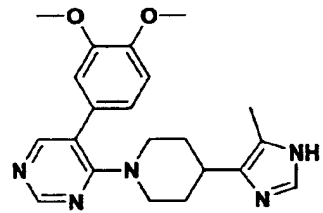
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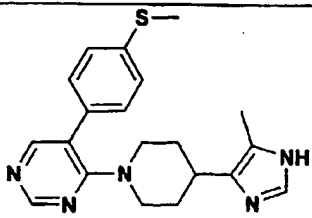
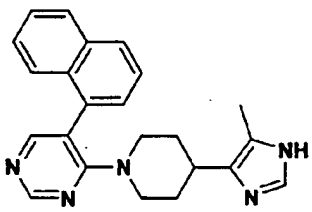
The following Examples 293 to 304 compounds were prepared according to the procedure described above for Example 234.

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Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
293		388
294		354
295		367
296		364
297		364

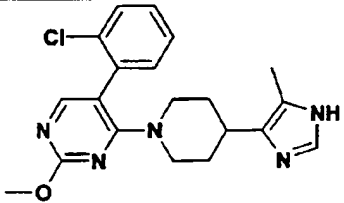
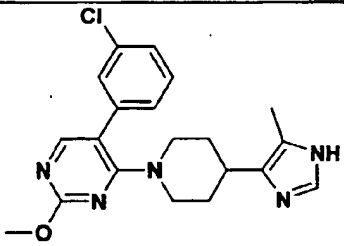


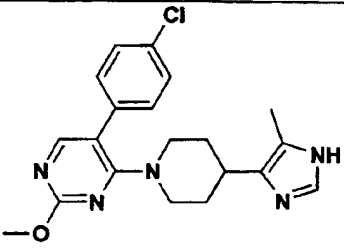
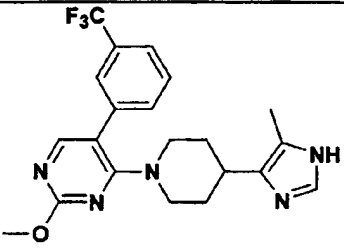
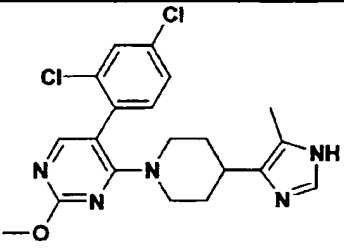
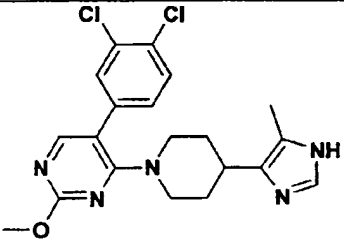
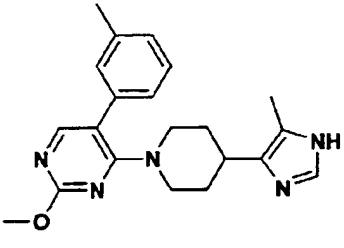
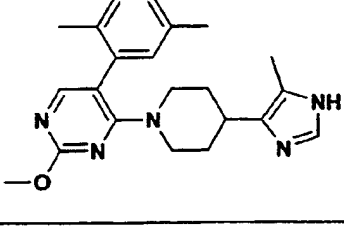
298		362
299		404
300		380
301		370
302		380

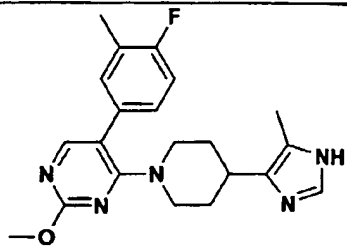
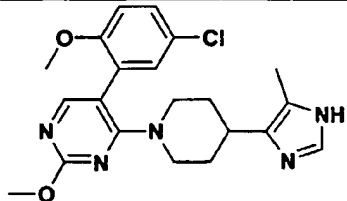
303		366
304		370

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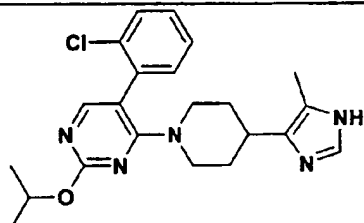
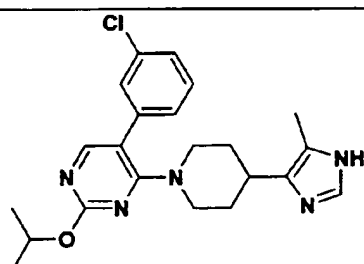
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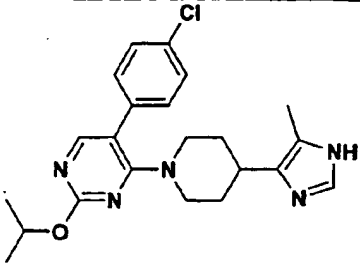
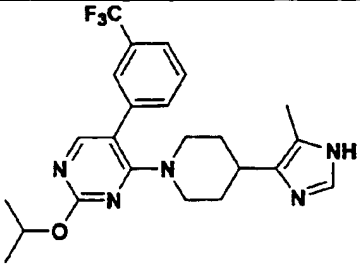
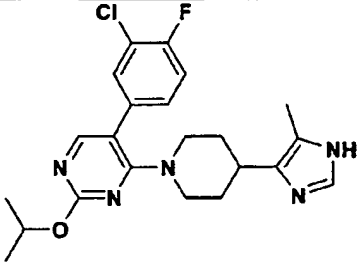
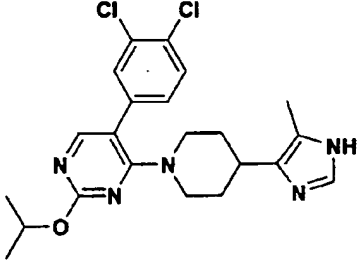
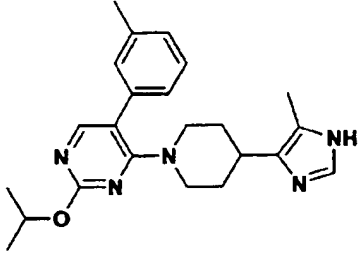
Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
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306		384

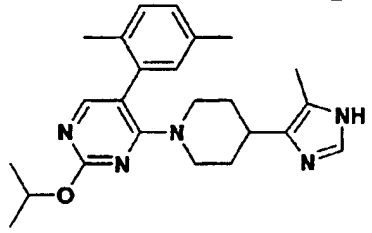
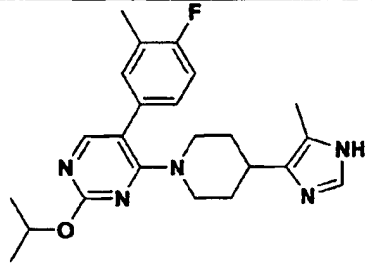
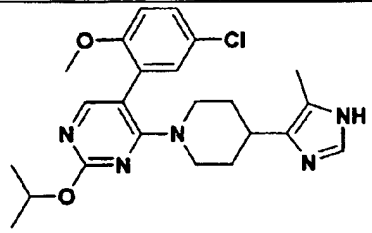
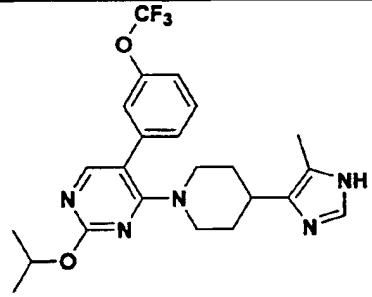
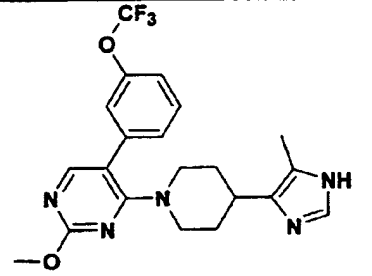
307		384
308		418
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310		418
311		364
312		378

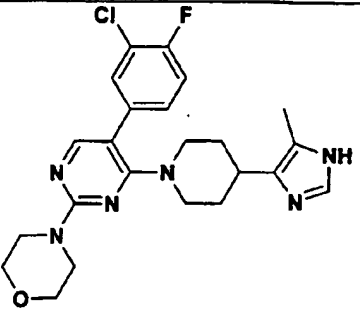
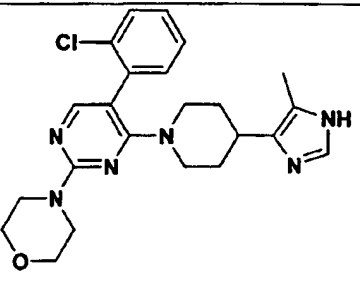
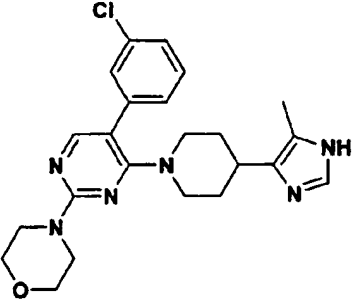
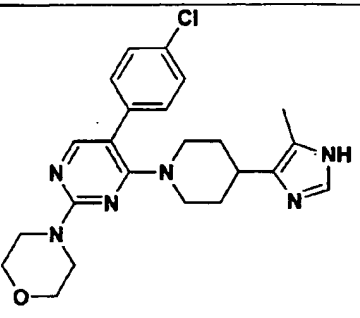
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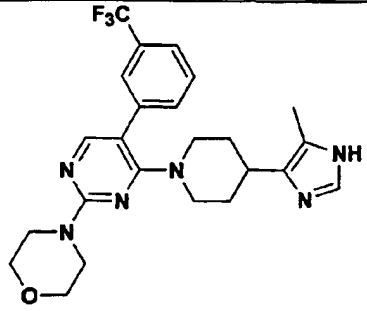
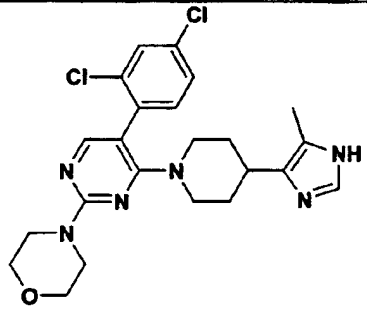
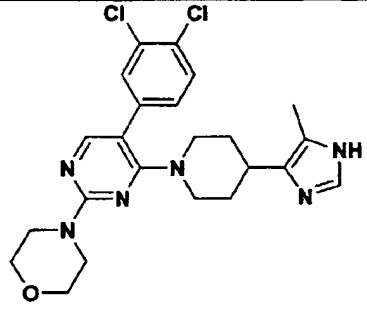
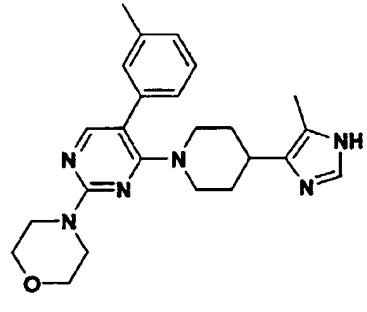
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316		412

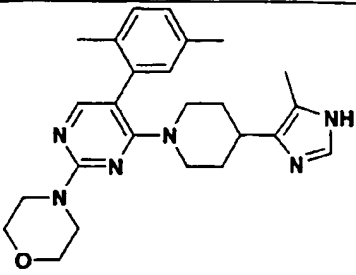
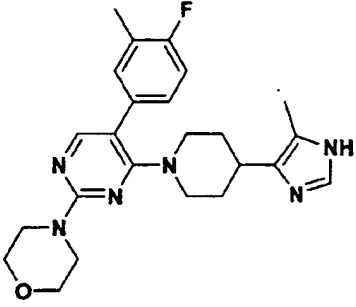
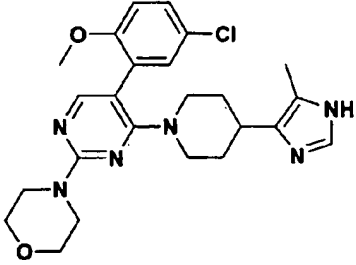
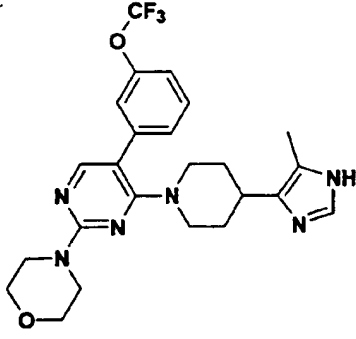
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319		430
320		446
321		392

322		406
323		410
324		442
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326		434

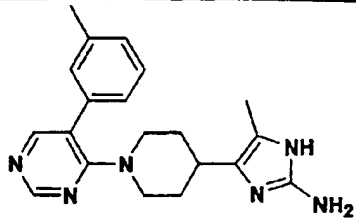
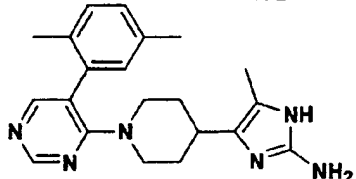
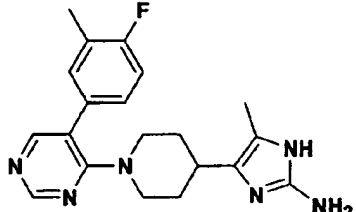
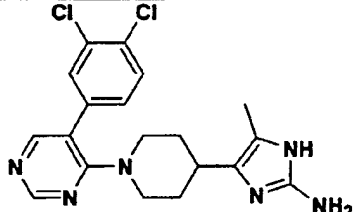
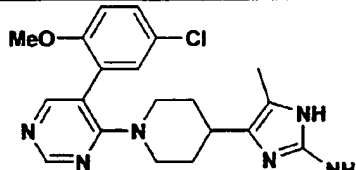
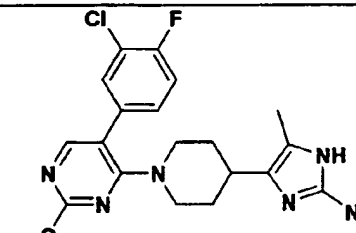
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328		439
329		439
330		439

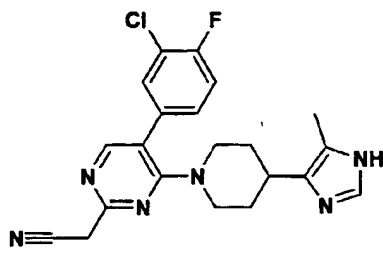
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333		473
334		419



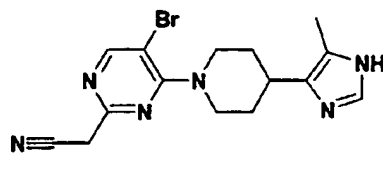
335		433
336		437
337		469
338		489

The following examples were prepared in a manner similar to that described for the preparation of Example 5 174.

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340		363
341		367
342		403
343		399
344		417

Example 345

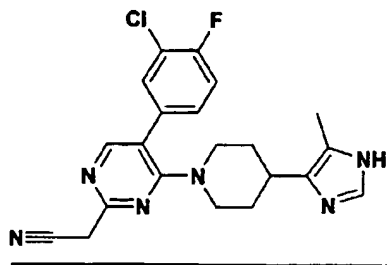
A.



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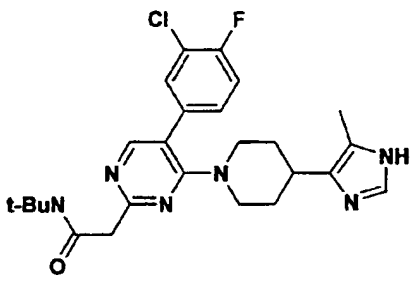
Sodium hydride (270 mg of 60%, 7 mmol) was added to a solution of tert-butyl cyanoacetate (850 mg, 6 mmol) in THF (20 mL). After stirring for 15 min., solid  
10 pyrimidine from example 252 part A (1.0 g, 2.8 mmol) was added and the solution was heated at 60°C for 2 days. Additional tert-butyl cyanoacetate anion in THF (30 mL), prepared from 1.7 g (12 mmol) of tert-butyl cyanoacetate and 560 mg of 60% NaH (14 mmol), was added and the  
15 temperature was increased to 85°C. The solution was stirred at that temperature for an additional 24 h. The solution was neutralized to a pH of 7 and extracted with EtOAc. The combined EtOAc extracts were dried over MgSO<sub>4</sub> and concentrated. The crude residue obtained was  
20 dissolved in 30 mL of TFA and heated at 60°C for 30 min. Concentration of the reaction mixture at reduced pressure followed by flash chromatography on silica gel (10/1/0.1 CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH/NH<sub>4</sub>OH) gave 200 mg of the title compound followed by 400 mg of the title compound of Example 346  
25 part A.

B.

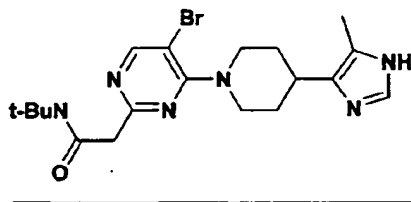


The title compound from part A above (180 mg) was coupled with 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl boronic acid according to the procedure described for Example 234 to afford 66 mg of the title compound as a TFA salt after purification by preparative HPLC (conditions are as described for Example 1). MS:  $m/z$  411 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>

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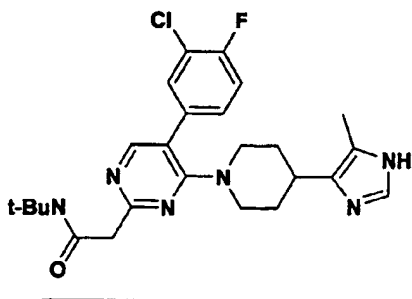
Example 346

A.



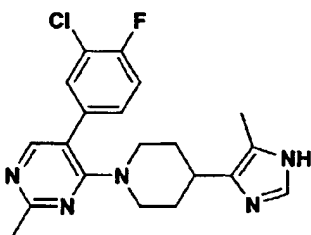
The title compound was obtained by the same procedure described above for Example 345 part A.

B.

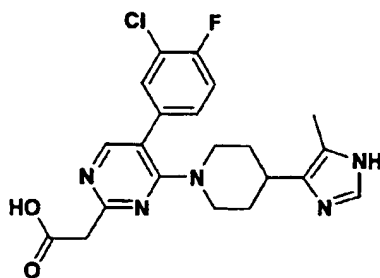


The title compound from part A above (400 mg) was coupled with 3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl boronic acid according to the procedure described for Example 234 to afford 287 mg of the title compound as a TFA salt after purification by preparative HPLC (conditions are as described for Example 1). MS: m/z 485 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>

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Example 347

The title compound from Example 346 (35 mg) was treated with 5 ml of 6M HCl and the resulting solution was heated at reflux for 24 h. Concentration of the reaction mixture at reduced pressure followed by purification by preparative HPLC (conditions are as described for Example 1) afforded 25 mg of the title compound as a TFA salt. MS: m/z 386 (M+H)<sup>+</sup>

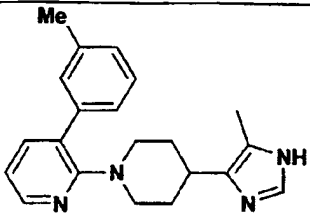
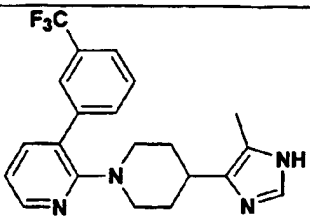
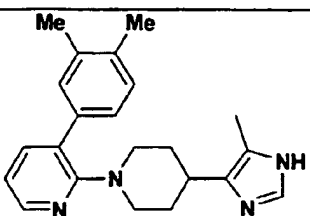
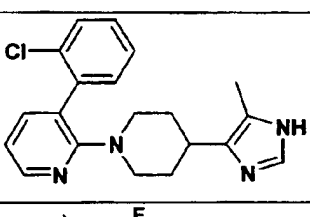
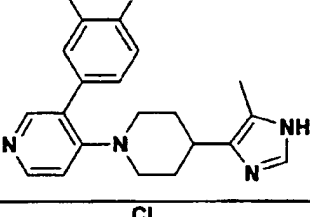
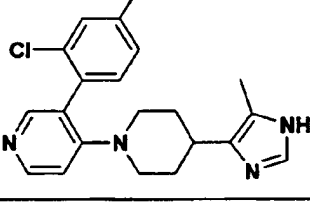
Example 348

- The title compound from Example 345 (15 mg) was treated with excess sodium hydroxide in aqueous MeOH.
- 5 The resulting mixture was heated at reflux for 24 h. Purification of the reaction mixture by preparative HPLC, as described for Example 1, gave 7 mg of the title compound as a TFA salt. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD) 8.72 (s, 1), 8.26 (s, 1), 8.21 (s, 1), 7.74 (d, 1, J = 6.7), 7.48
- 10 (m, 2), 4.46 (br d, 2, J = 13), 3.37 (s, 2), 3.16 (m, 3), 2.34 (s, 3), 1.85 (m, 4).

The following examples were prepared according to the procedure described above for Example 234.

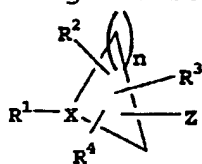
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Example #	Structure	Characterization MS: (M+H) <sup>+</sup>
349		349
350		353

351		333
352		387
353		347
354		353
355		351
356		387

What is Claimed is:

1. A compound having the structure



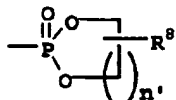
wherein n is an integer from 1 to 5;

- 5        X is N or C-R<sup>5</sup> wherein R<sup>5</sup> is H, halo, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl;  
       Z is a heteroaryl group;  
       R<sup>1</sup> is H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)<sub>3</sub>Si (where each  
 10    alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino, arylalkylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylamino,  
 15    heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl, arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl, alkylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl, heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl, polyhaloalkoxy, aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl,  
 20    alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino, alkynylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy, acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl,  
 25    alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy, heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro, alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino,  
 30    alkylaminocarbonylamino, alkenylaminocarbonylamino, alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino, heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, alkenyloxycarbonylamino, alkynyloxycarbonylamino, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxycarbonylamino,

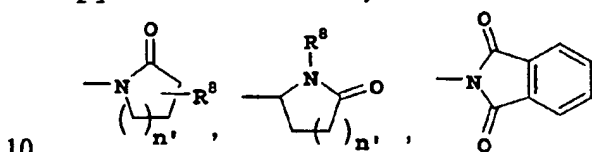


aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy,  
alkoxycarbonylamino, 1,1-(alkoxyl or aryloxy)<sub>2</sub>alkyl

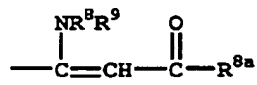
(where the two aryl or alkyl substituents can be  
independently defined, or linked to one another to form a  
5 ring), S(O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>6</sup>R<sup>7</sup>, -NR<sup>6</sup>(C=NR<sup>7</sup>)alkyl, -NR<sup>6</sup>(C=NR<sup>7</sup>)alkenyl,  
-NR<sup>6</sup>(C=NR<sup>7</sup>)alkynyl, -NR<sup>6</sup>(C=NR<sup>7</sup>)heteroaryl, -NR<sup>8</sup>(C=NCN)-  
amino,



pyridine-N-oxide,



10 (where Q is O or H<sub>2</sub> and n' is 0, 1, 2 or 3) or



15 -C=CH-C(=O)-R<sup>8a</sup>; tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl,  
thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl, imidazole, oxazole, or triazole,  
-PO(R<sup>13</sup>)(R<sup>14</sup>), (where R<sup>13</sup> and R<sup>14</sup> are independently alkyl,  
aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl,  
heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl,  
cycloheteroalkylalkyl, cycloheteroalkoxy, or  
cycloheteroalkylalkoxy);

20 R<sup>6</sup>, R<sup>7</sup>, R<sup>8</sup>, R<sup>8a</sup> and R<sup>9</sup> are the same or different and  
are independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl,  
heteroaryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl, or  
cycloheteroalkyl;

and R<sup>1</sup> may be optionally substituted with from one  
to five substituents;

25 R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> are the same or different and are  
independently any of the groups set out for R<sup>1</sup> and may be  
optionally independently substituted with from one to  
five substituents, which may be the same or different;

including pharmaceutically acceptable salts  
30 thereof, prodrugs thereof, and all stereoisomers thereof;  
with the proviso that where X is N, n is 4, and Z is

imidazol-4-yl or 5-alkylimidazol-4-yl attached at the 4-position of the ring, then R<sup>1</sup> is other than phenyl or substituted phenyl.

2. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein Z is  
5 a heteroaryl group containing 1 to 4 heteroatoms, at least one of which is a nitrogen atom, the heteroaryl group being attached to the rest of the molecule via an available nitrogen or carbon atom.

3. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein at  
10 least one of R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and R<sup>4</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl.

4. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein X is N.

5. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein X is C-R<sup>5</sup>.  
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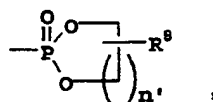
6. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein Z is imidazole, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole, amino-(alkyl)imidazole, oxazole, (alkanoylamino)imidazole, thiazole, benzimidazole, aminothiazole, aminooxazole, aminooxadiazole, dialkylimidazole,  
20 alkyl(alkanoylamino)imidazole, alkyl(amino)imidazole, arylaminocarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkoxy-carbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, alkylcarbonylamino(alkyl)imidazole, aminotriazole or  
25 diaminopyrimidine.

7. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl.

8. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein the R<sup>1</sup> group may be substituted within from one to five of the  
30 following groups:

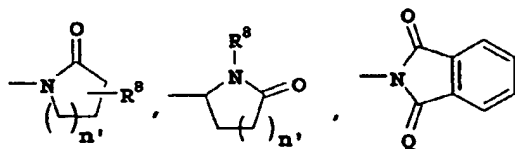
alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxy, alkenyloxy, alkynyloxy, (alkyl or aryl)<sub>3</sub>Si (where each alkyl or aryl group is independent), cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, alkenylamino, alkynylamino,  
35 arylalkylamino, aryl, arylalkyl, arylamino, aryloxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylamino, heteroaryloxy, arylthio, arylsulfinyl,

- arylsulfonyl, thio, alkylthio, alkylsulfinyl,  
 alkylsulfonyl, heteroarylthio, heteroarylsulfinyl,  
 heteroarylsulfonyl, halogen, haloalkyl, polyhaloalkyl  
 such as  $\text{CF}_3$  and  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2$ , polyhaloalkyloxy such as  $\text{CF}_3\text{O}$  and  
 5  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ , aminothio, aminosulfinyl, aminosulfonyl,  
 alkylsulfonylamino, alkenylsulfonylamino,  
 alkynylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino,  
 heteroarylsulfonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyl,  
 arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, hydroxy,  
 10 acyl, carboxy, aminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonyl,  
 alkoxycarbonyl, alkylcarbonyloxy, alkylcarbonylamino,  
 arylcarbonyl, arylcarbonyloxy, arylcarbonylamino,  
 heteroarylcarbonyl, heteroarylcarbonyloxy,  
 heteroarylcarbonylamino, cyano, nitro,  
 15 alkenylcarbonylamino, alkynylcarbonylamino,  
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 alkynylaminocarbonylamino, arylaminocarbonylamino,  
 heteroarylaminocarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino,  
 alkenyloxycarbonylamino, alkynyloxycarbonylamino,  
 20 aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxycarbonylamino,  
 aminocarbonylamino, alkylaminocarbonyloxy, 1,1-(alkoxyl  
 or aryloxy)<sub>2</sub>alkyl (where the two aryl or alkyl  
 substituents can be independently defined, or linked to  
 one another to form a ring, such as 1,3-dioxane or 1,3-  
 25 dioxolane),  $\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{R}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkyl}$ ,



$\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkenyl}$ ,  $-\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{alkynyl}$ ,

$\text{NR}^6(\text{C}=\text{NR}^7)\text{heteroaryl}$ ,  $-\text{NR}^8(\text{C}=\text{NCN})\text{-amino}$ , pyridine-N-oxide,



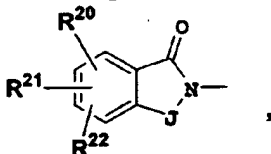
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(where Q is O or  $\text{H}_2$  and  $n'$  is 0, 1, 2 or 3) or  $-\text{C}(\text{NR}^6\text{R}^9)=\text{CH}-\text{C}(=\text{O})-\text{R}^{8a}$ ;  
 tetrazolyl, pyrazolyl, pyridyl, thiazolyl, pyrimidinyl,

imidazole, oxazole or triazole;  $-\text{PO}(\text{R}^{13})(\text{R}^{14})$ , (where  $\text{R}^{13}$  and  $\text{R}^{14}$  are independently alkyl, aryl, alkoxy, aryloxy, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, heteroaryloxy, heteroarylalkoxy, cycloheteroalkyl, cycloheteroalkylalkyl, cycloheteroalkoxy, or cycloheteroalkylalkoxy);

$\text{R}^6$ ,  $\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{R}^8$ ,  $\text{R}^{8a}$  and  $\text{R}^9$  are independently hydrogen, alkyl, haloalkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl, cycloalkyl, (cycloalkyl)alkyl or cycloheteroalkyl, which substituents may be the same or different from each other and may be the same or different from the base  $\text{R}^1$  group.

9. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is substituted with one to five of the following substituents: alkyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, arylaminocarbonyl, heteroarylaminocarbonyl, alkylcarbonylamino, heteroaryl, halo, aryl, cycloalkylcarbonylamino, arylcarbonylamino, heteroarylcarbonylamino, alkoxycarbonylamino, guanidiny, nitro, cycloheteroalkyl, aryloxycarbonylamino, heteroaryloxylcarbonylamino, uriedo (where the uriedo nitrogens may be substituted with alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl), heterocyclylcarbonylamino (where the heterocycle is connected to the carbonyl group via a nitrogen or carbon atom), alkylsulfonylamino, arylsulfonylamino, heteroarylsulfonylamino,



Where J is:  $\text{CHR}^{23}$ ,  $-\text{C}(=\text{O})-$ ,  $-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{24})-\text{CH}(\text{R}^{25})-$  or  $-\text{C}(\text{R}^{24})=\text{C}(\text{R}^{25})-$ ;

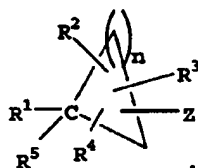
$\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{R}^{24}$  and  $\text{R}^{25}$  are independently hydrogen, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, arylalkyl, heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, cycloalkyl, or cycloalkylalkyl;

$\text{R}^{20}$ ,  $\text{R}^{21}$ ,  $\text{R}^{22}$  are independently hydrogen, halo, alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, aryloxy, aryl, arylalkyl, alkylmercapto, arylmercapto, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,

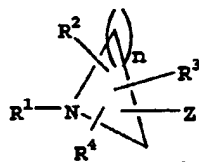
heteroaryl, heteroarylalkyl, hydroxy or haloalkyl; and these preferred substituents may either be directly attached to R<sup>1</sup>, or attached via an alkylene chain at an open position, which substituents may be the same or  
 5 different from each other and may be the same or different from the base R<sup>1</sup> group.

10. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein Z is imidazole, aminoimidazole, alkylimidazole, alkylthioimidazole, alkylthio(amino)imidazole,  
 10 amino(alkyl)imidazole or (acetylamino)imidazole.

11. The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the formula

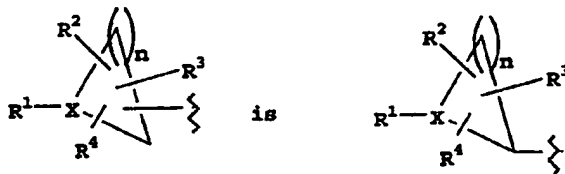


15 12. The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the formula



13. The compound as defined in Claim 7 wherein R<sup>1</sup>  
 20 is aryl or heteroaryl and n is 1 or 4

14. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein the moiety



25 15. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently H, lower alkyl, lower alkoxy or aryl, and R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are each hydrogen.

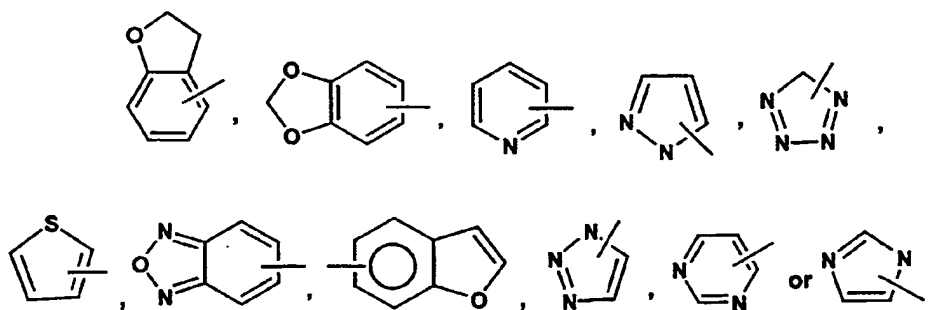
16. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein n is 1 or 4.

17. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein n is 4, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently H or lower alkyl, and R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are each H, and R<sup>1</sup> is aryl or heteroaryl.

18. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, substituted phenyl or heteroaryl.

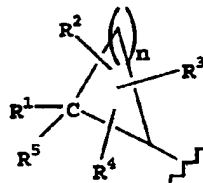
19. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is phenyl, halophenyl, dihalophenyl, alkylphenyl, nitrophenyl, dialkoxyphenyl, alkoxy(halo)phenyl, alkoxyphenyl, halo(nitro)phenyl, trifluoromethylphenyl, biphenyl, heteroarylphenyl, cycloheteroalkylphenyl, alkylthiophenyl, trialkoxyphenyl or halo(dialkoxy)phenyl, phenylalkyl,

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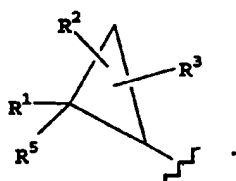
20. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup>, R<sup>2</sup>, R<sup>3</sup> and/or R<sup>4</sup> may be joined together with the N atom and/or carbons to which they are attached to form a non-aromatic ring.

21. The compounds as defined in Claim 11 wherein

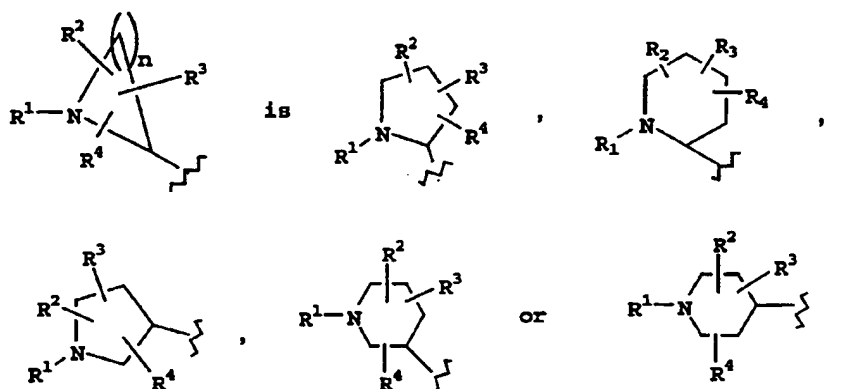


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22. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein

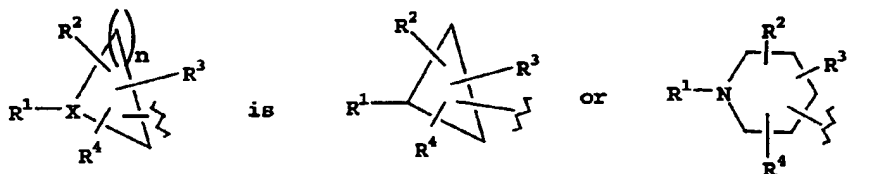


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23. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein n is 1, X is CH, R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> are independently lower alkyl or H.

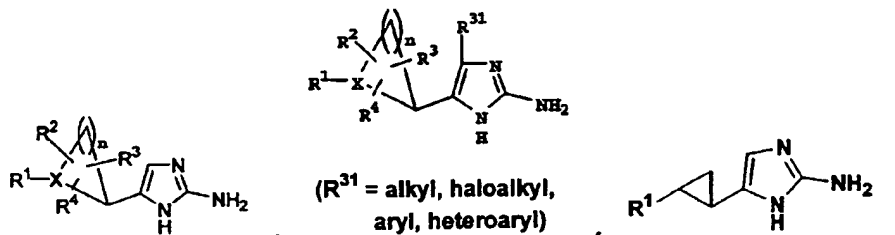
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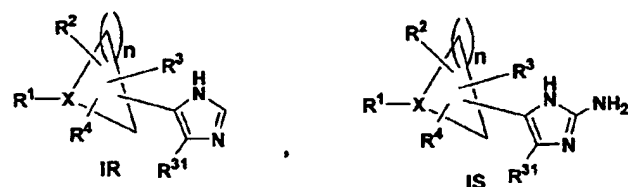
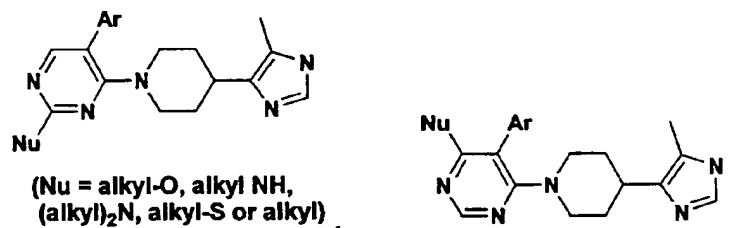
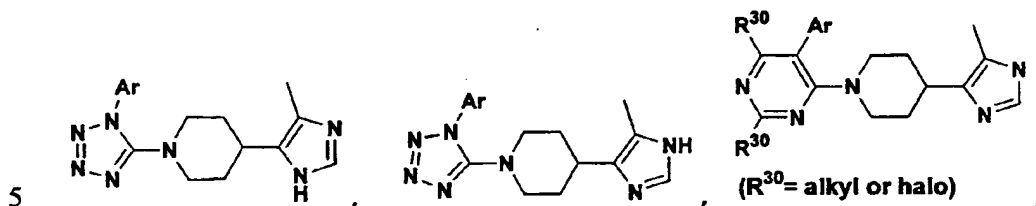
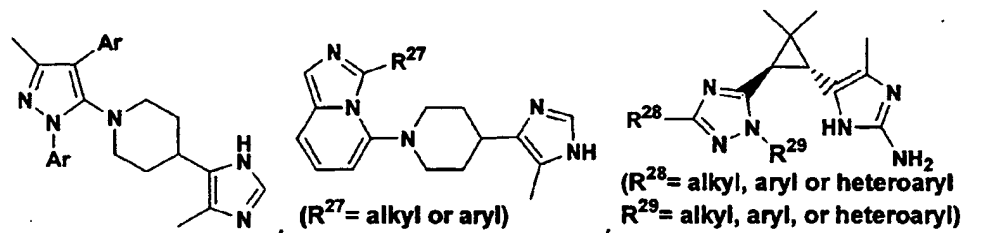
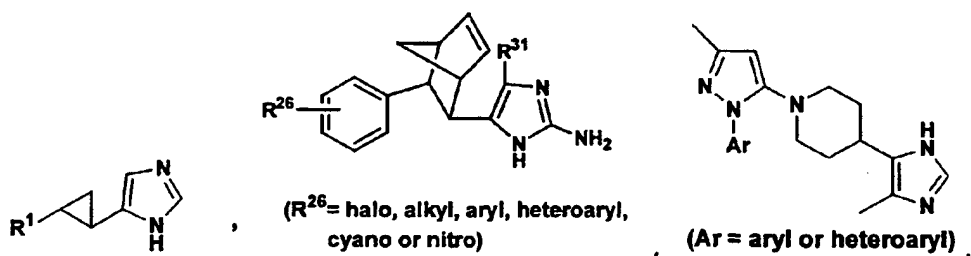
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25. The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure

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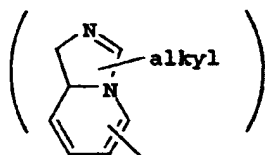
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26. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein R<sup>1</sup> is 4-bromophenyl, 4-chlorophenyl, 3-bromophenyl, 3,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-methylphenyl, 2,4-dichlorophenyl, 3-nitrophenyl, 2-chlorophenyl, 3-chlorophenyl, 2,5-dimethylphenyl, 2-methylphenyl, 3-methylphenyl, 4-



- methylphenyl, 2,3-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3-trifluoromethoxyphenyl, 4-biphenyl, 2-bromo-4,5-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-methylthiophenyl, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 2-chloro-3,4-dimethoxyphenyl, 4-nitrophenyl, benzyl, 3-methoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyphenyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 3-bromo-4-fluorophenyl, 2-fluoro-5-methoxyphenyl, 3-chloro-4-nitrophenyl, 2-fluoro-4-bromophenyl, 3-ethoxyphenyl, 3-trifluoromethylphenyl, 3,5-difluorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-bistrifluoromethylphenyl, 4-fluorophenyl, 3-trifluorophenyl, 3-(N-pyrrolyl)phenyl, 3-(N-pyrrolidinyl)phenyl, 3-(N-pyrazolinyl)phenyl, 3-(N-imidazolyl)phenyl, phenyltetrazole, 1-(2,4-dihalo-5-alkoxyphenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, alkylphenyltetrazole, 15 halophenyltetrazol, 1-(2-alkoxy-5-halophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, 1-(3-alkyl-4-halophenyl)tetrazol-5-yl, alkoxyphenyltetrazole, alkyl(halo)phenyltetrazole, alkoxy(halo)phenyltetrazole, alkoxy(alkyl)(halo)phenyltetrazole, 20 phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, halophenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkyl(halo)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkylphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxy(halo)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, alkoxy(alkyl)phenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, dihalophenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, dialkylphenyl-alkyl-25 pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl-alkyl-pyrazole, halophenyl-haloalkyl-pyrazole, alkoxyphenyl(alkyl)(halo)pyrazole, phenylpyrimidine, phenyl(halo)pyrimidine, diphenylpyrimidine, halophenyl(halo)pyrimidine, dihalopyrimidine, diphenyl(halo)pyrimidine, 30 halo(phenyl)pyrimidine, dialkyl(halo)pyrimidine, dihalophenylpyrimidine, alkylphenylpyrimidine, alkoxyphenylpyrimidine, alkylphenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, dialkylphenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, alkyl(halo)phenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, 35 alkoxy(halo)phenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, dihalophenyl(dialkylamino)pyrimidine, heteroaryl(dihalophenyl)pyrimidine, halophenylpyrimidine,

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 cycloheteroalkyl(phenyl)pyrimidine,  
 5 alkoxy(halo)phenylpyrimidine,  
 cycloheteroalkyl(dihalophenyl)pyrimidine,  
 halophenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine,  
 alkyl(halo)phenylpyrimidine, nitrophenylpyrimidine,  
 dihalophenyl(alkoxy)pyrimidine, carboxyphenylpyrimidine,  
 10 alkylcarbonylphenylpyrimidine, naphthylpyrimidine,  
 alkylthiophenylpyrimidine, phenylpyridine,  
 halophenylpyridine, alkyl(halo)phenylpyridine,  
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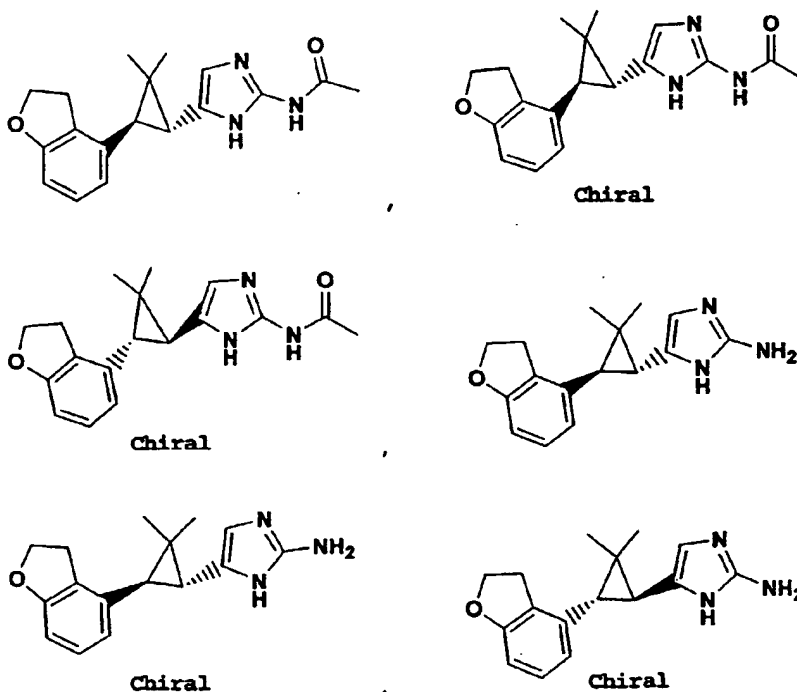


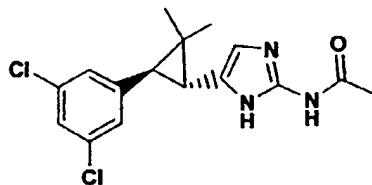
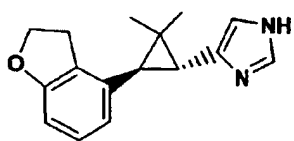
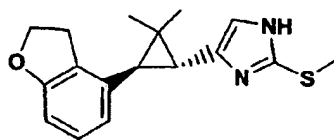
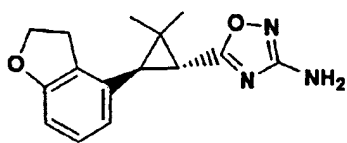
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- 20 27. The compound as defined in Claim 1 wherein  
 X is CH or N;  
 n is 1 or 4;  
 R<sup>2</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub> or H;  
 R<sup>3</sup> is CH<sub>3</sub> or H;  
 25 R<sup>4</sup> is H;  
 R<sup>1</sup> is 3-chlorophenyl, 3,5-dichlorophenyl, 3-chloro-  
 4-fluorophenyl, 2,3-dihydrobenzofuran-4-yl, 3-methyl-4-  
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 1-(3-chloro-4-methyl)tetrazol-5-yl,

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- 1- (2-chlorophenyl) tetrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (2-methoxy-5-chloro) tetrazol-5-yl,
- 2- (propylcarbonylamino) phenyl,
- 5 1- (3-methyl-4-chlorophenyl) tetrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl) tetrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (3-methoxyphenyl) tetrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (2-methoxy-5-chlorophenyl) tetrazol-5-yl,
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- 10 1- (3-fluorophenyl) -3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (3-methoxyphenyl) -3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
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- 1- (3-chloro-4-methylphenyl) -3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 15 1- (2,4-dimethylphenyl) -3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl) -3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (3-trifluoromethylphenyl) -3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (3-chlorophenyl) -3-trifluoromethylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 1- (3-methylphenyl) 3-methylpyrazol-5-yl,
- 20 1- (3-chlorophenyl) -3-ethylpyrazol-5-yl,
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- 5- (2-chlorophenyl) pyrimidin-4-yl,
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- 5- (2,5-dimethylphenyl) pyrimidin-4-yl,
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- 5- (3-methyl-4-fluorophenyl) pyrimidin-4-yl,
- 3- (3-methyl-4-fluorophenyl) pyridin-2-yl,
- 3- (3-chloro-4-fluorophenyl) pyridin-2-yl,
- 3- (3-trifluoromethoxyphenyl) pyridin-2-yl,
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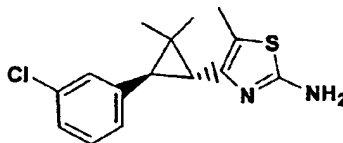
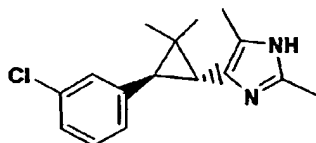
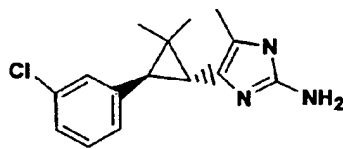
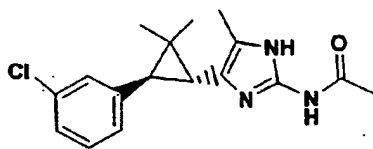
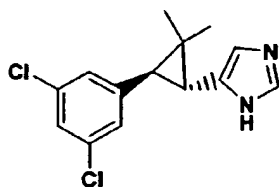
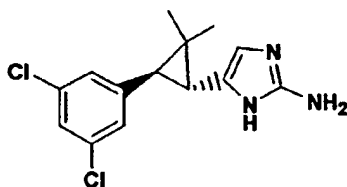
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 5 5- (3-chlorophenyl)pyrimidin-4-yl,  
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 5- (3-methylphenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl,  
 5- (2,5-dimethylphenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl, or  
 5- (3-methyl-4-fluorophenyl) -2-methoxypyrimidin-4-yl;  
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28. The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the  
 20 structure

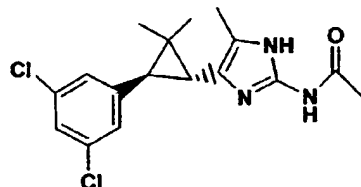
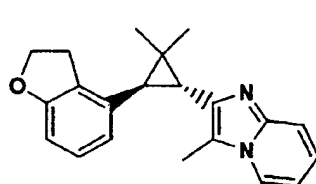
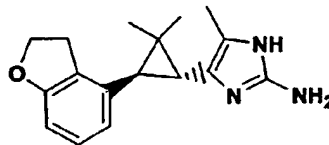
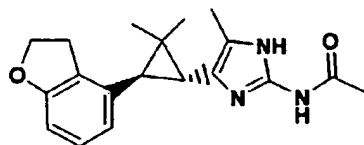




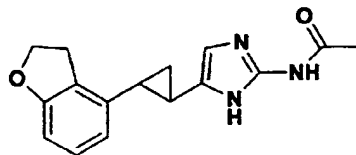
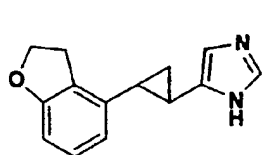
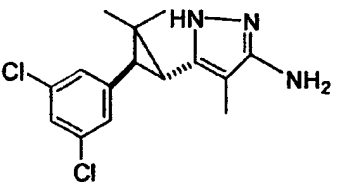
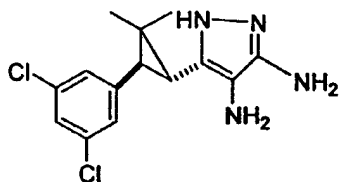
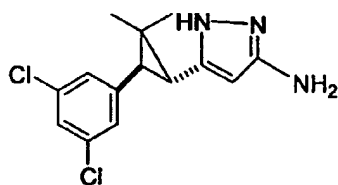
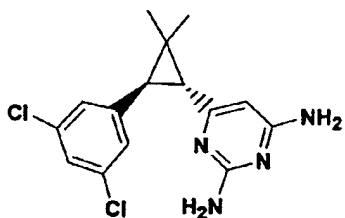
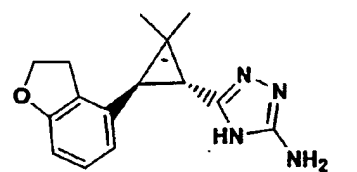
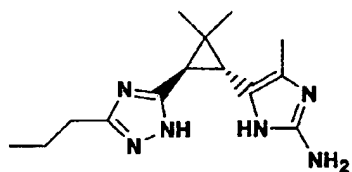
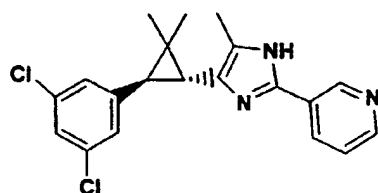
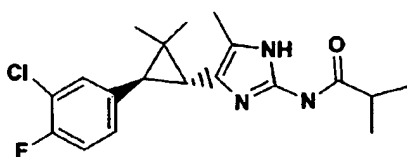
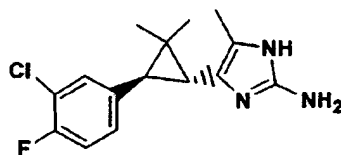
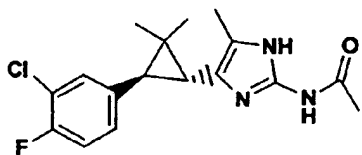
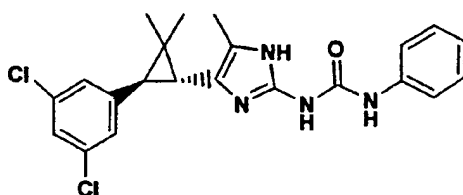
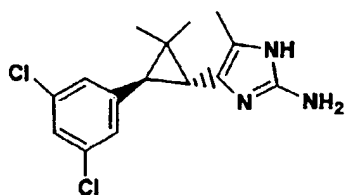
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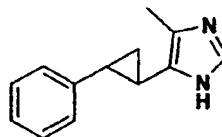
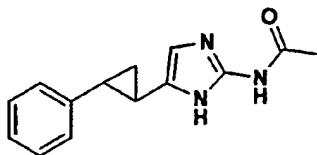
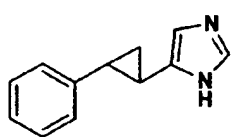
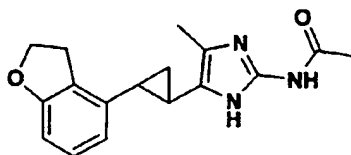
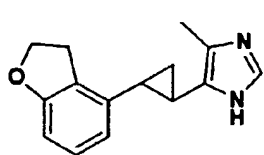


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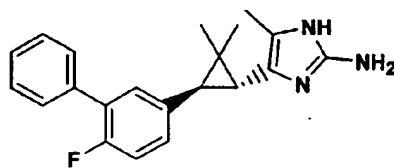
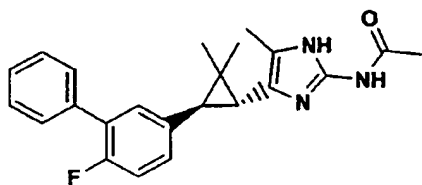
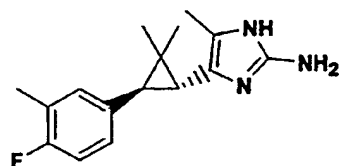
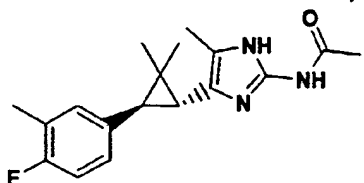
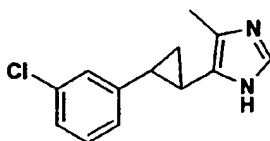
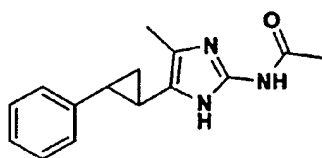


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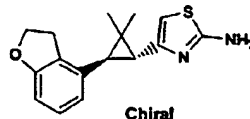
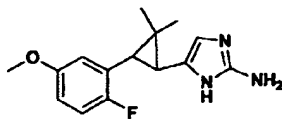
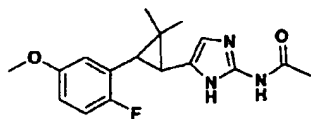
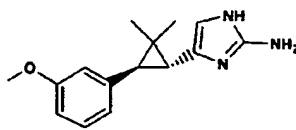
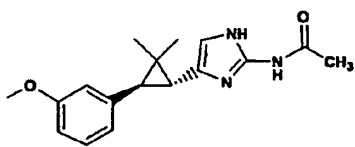




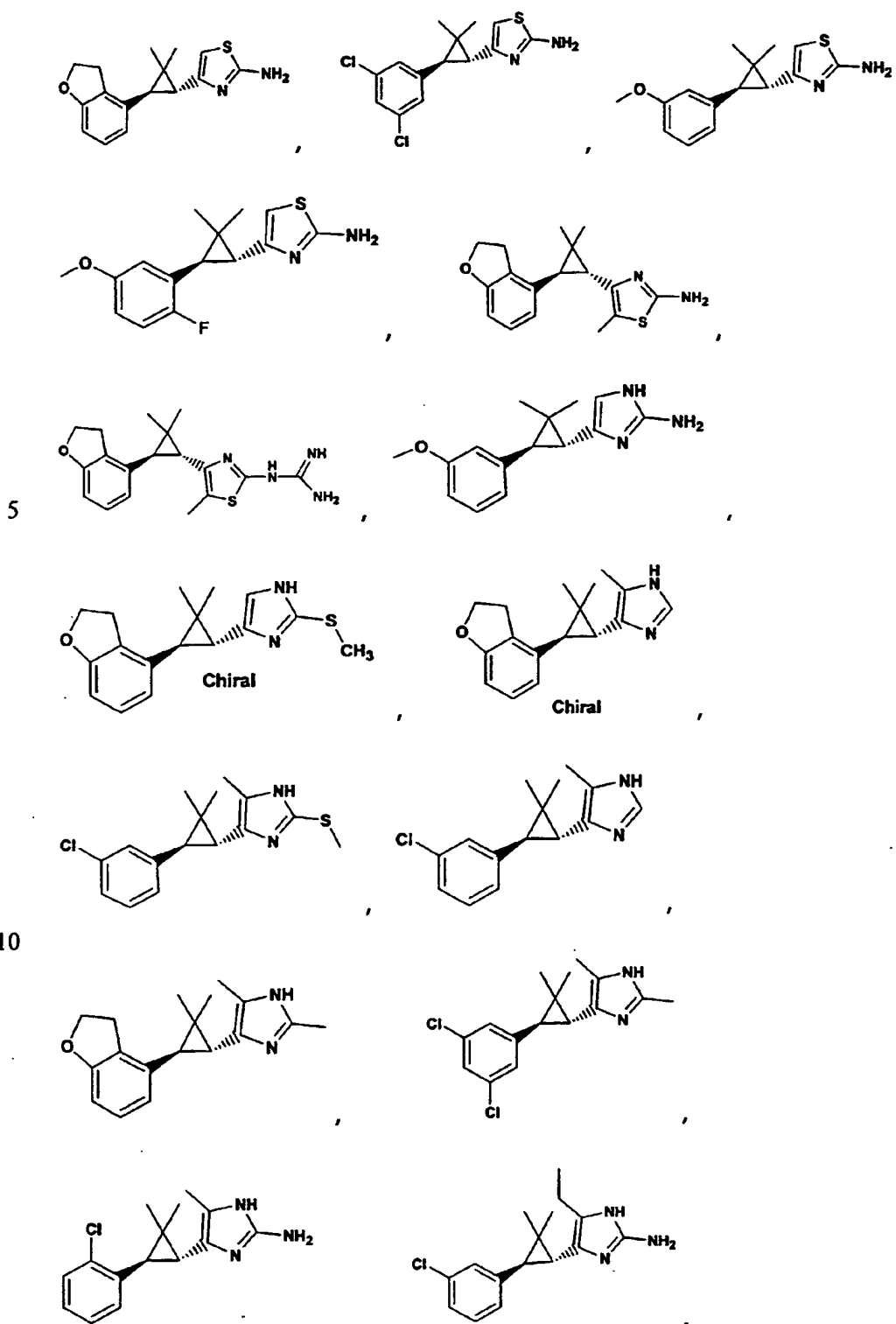
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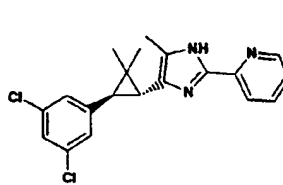
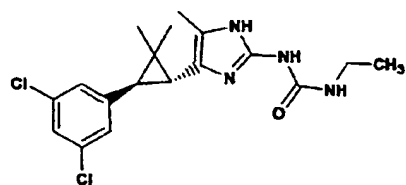
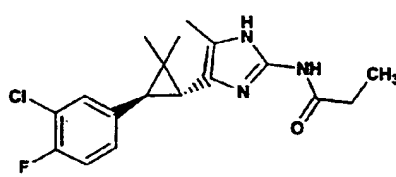
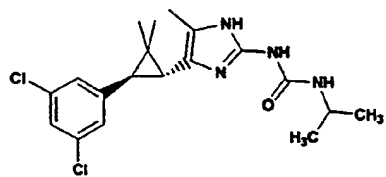
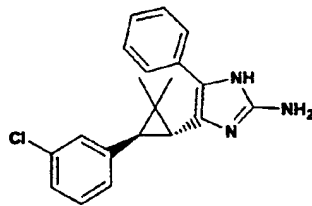
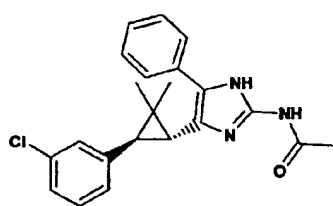
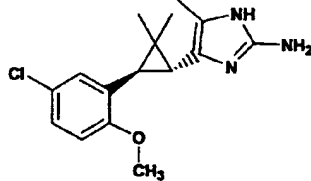
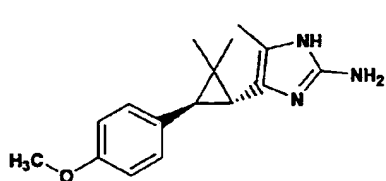
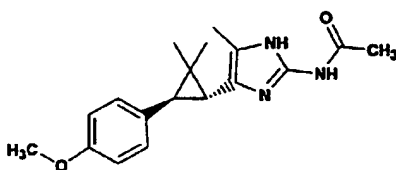
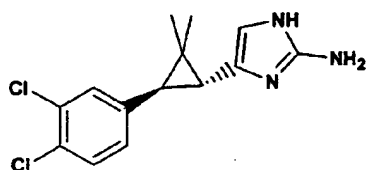
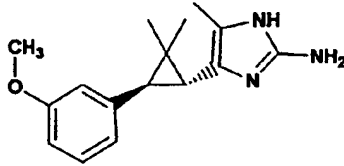
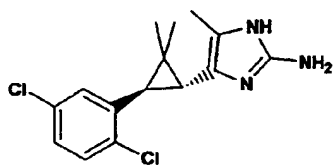
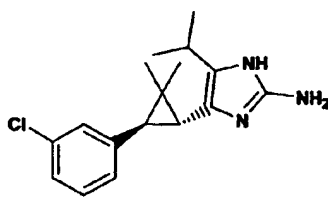
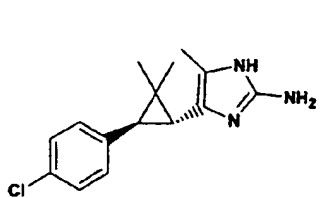
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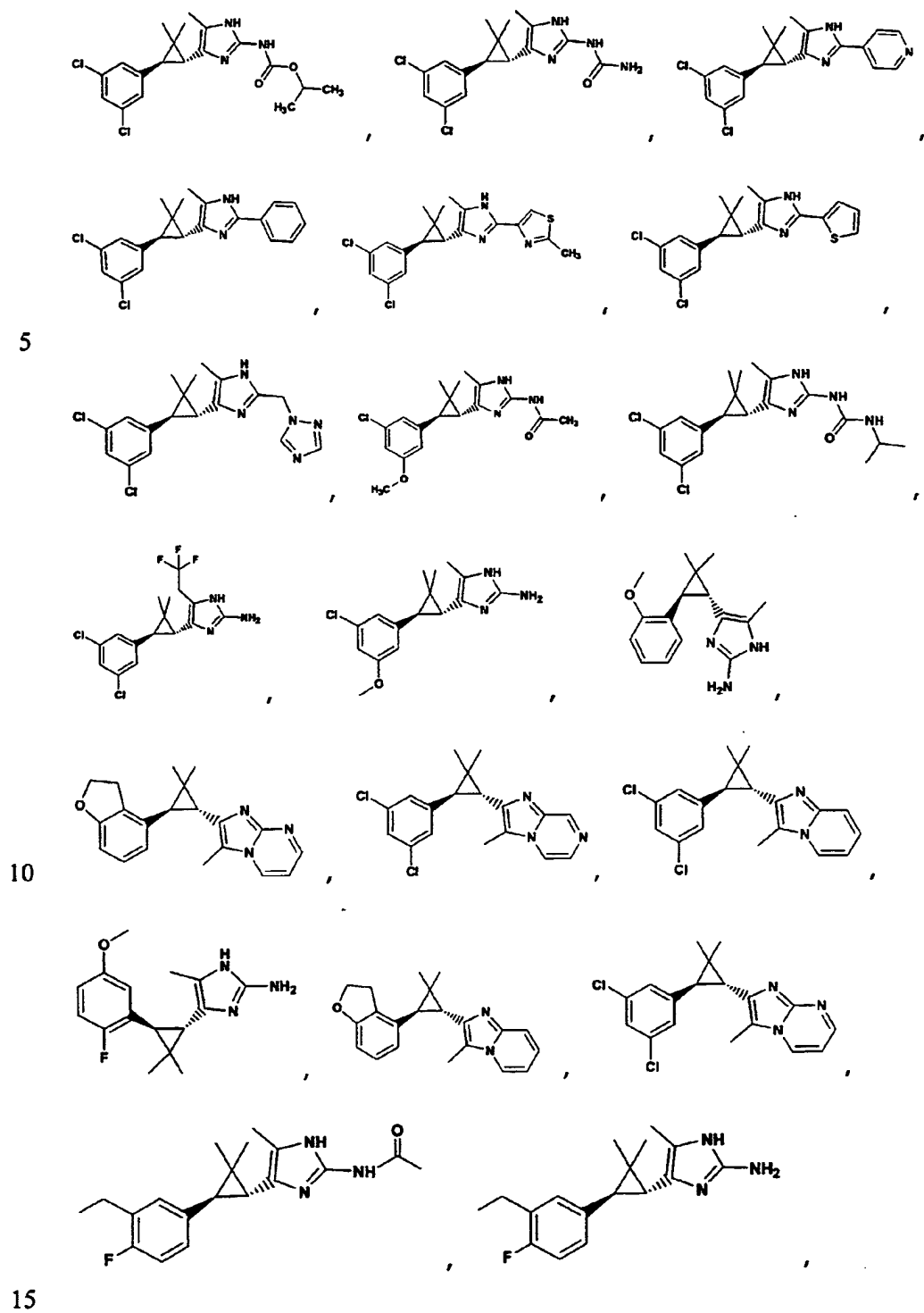


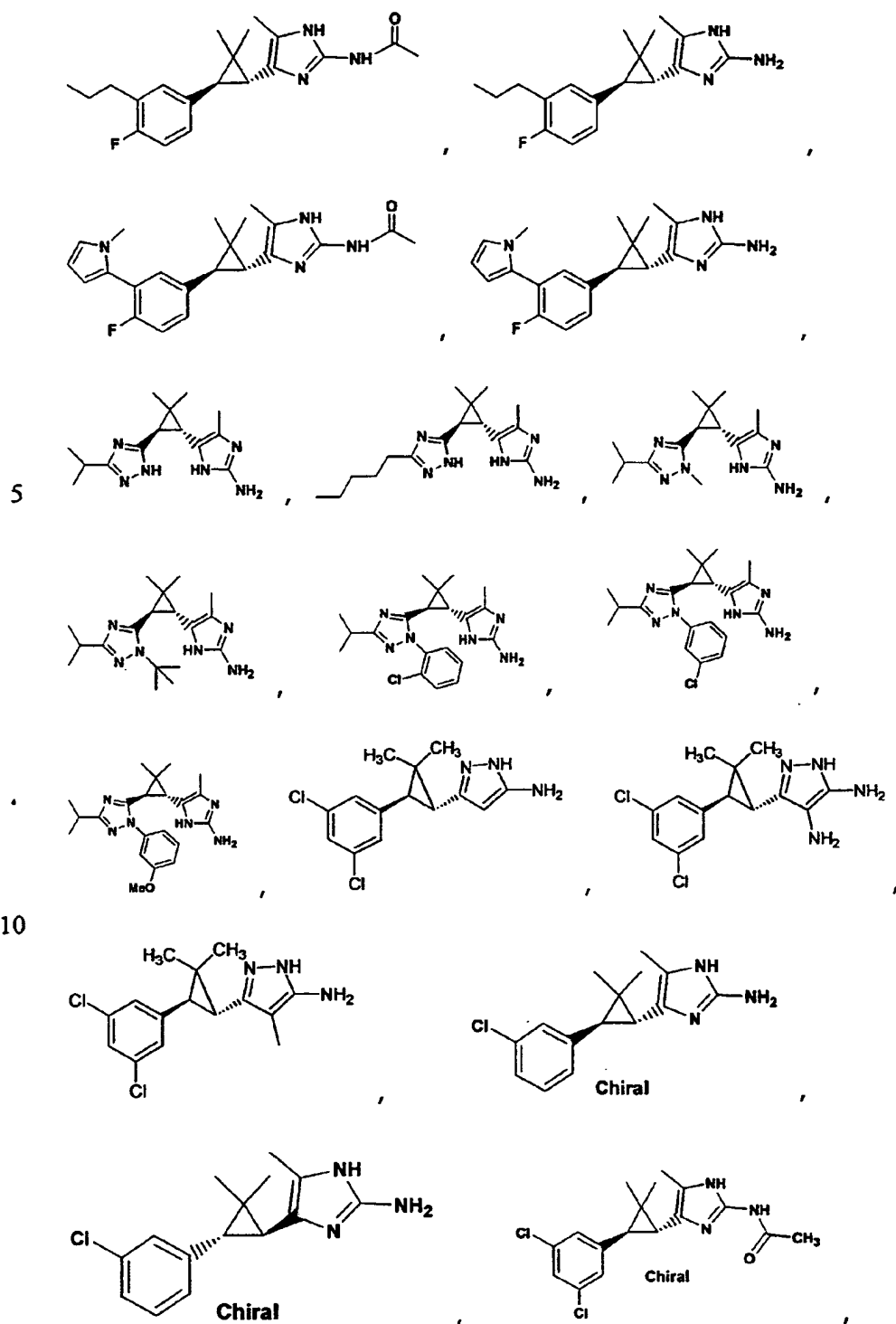
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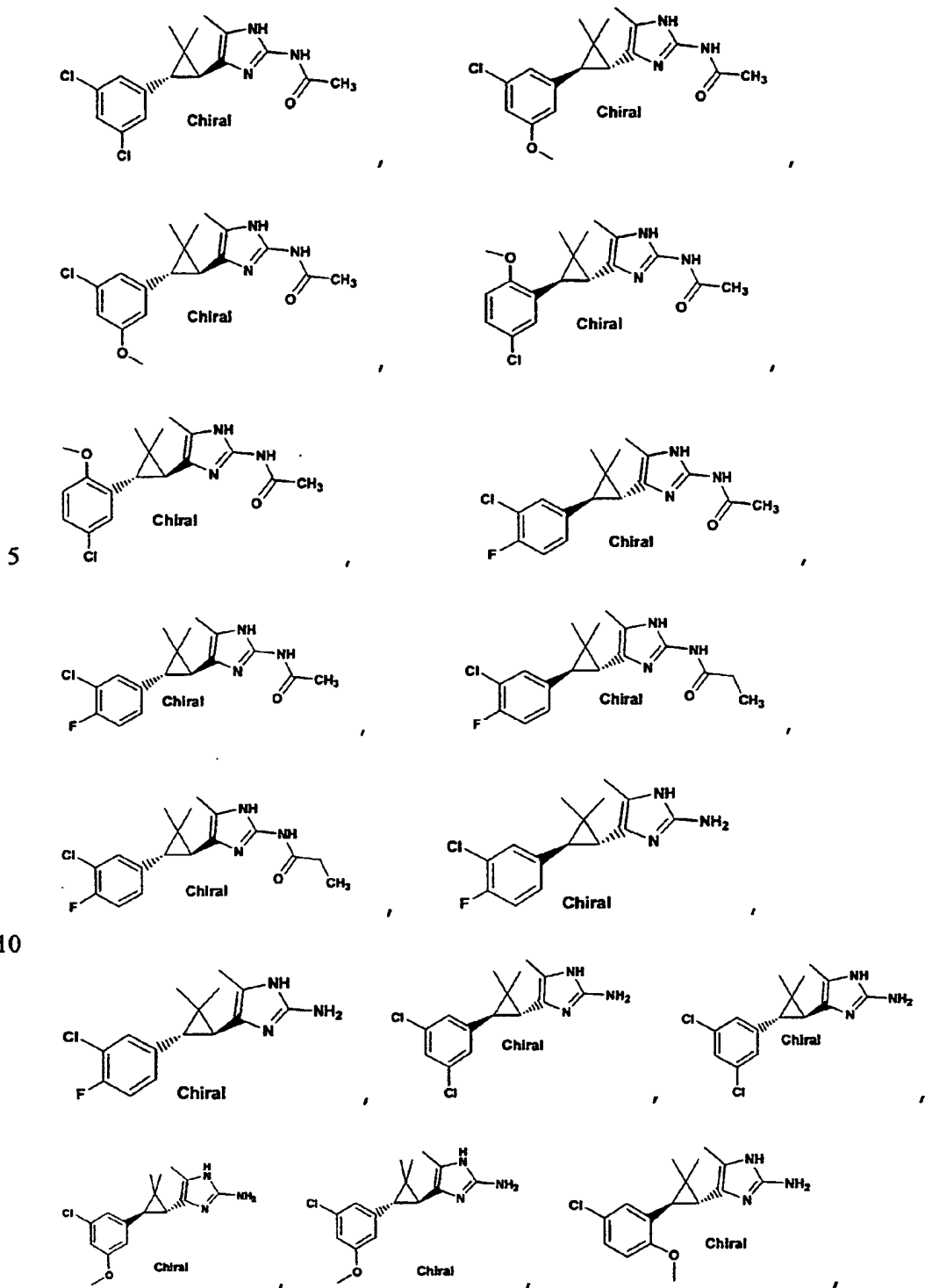


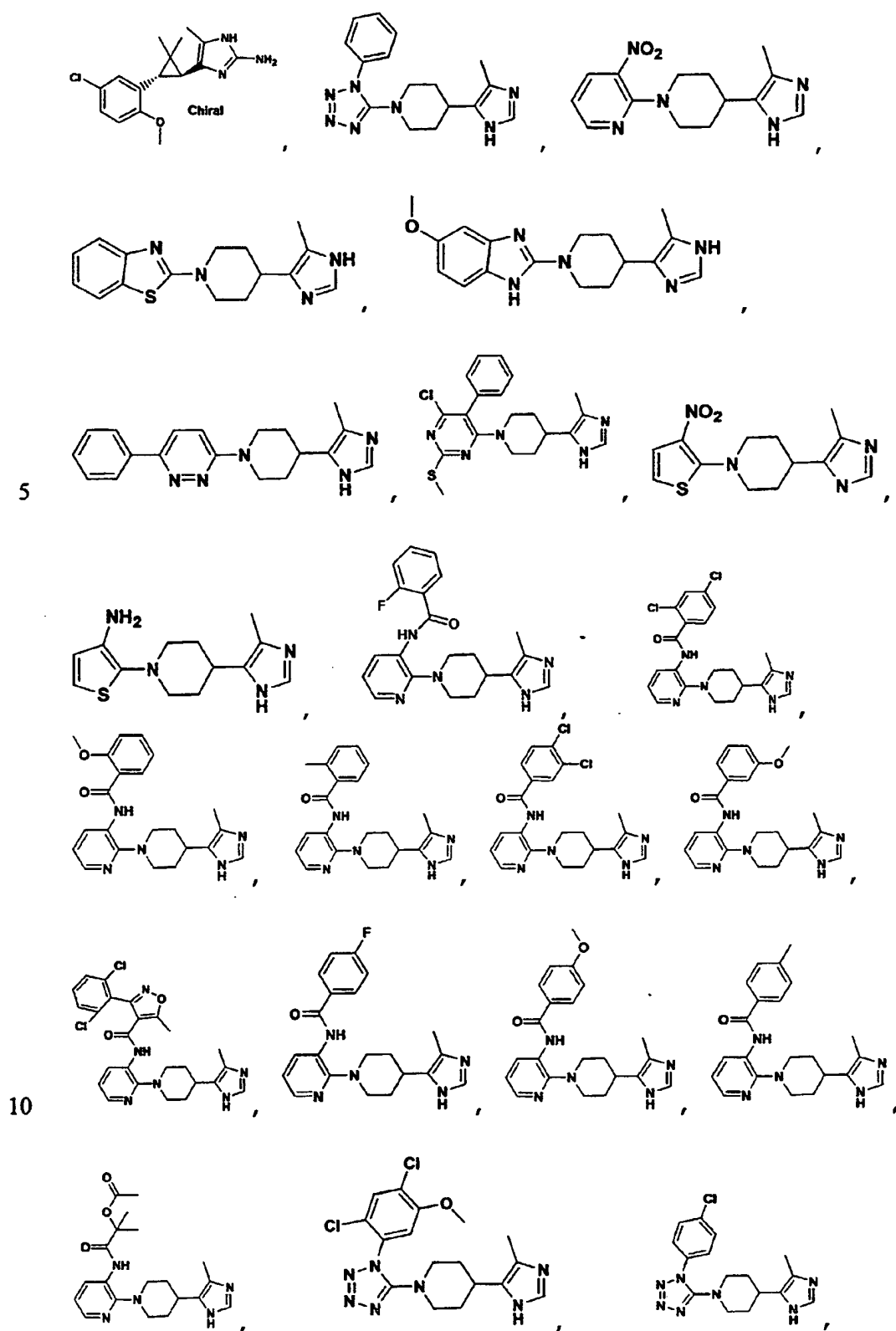


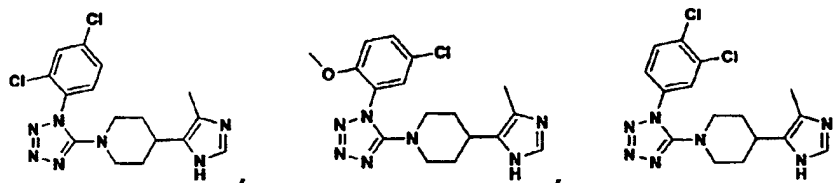
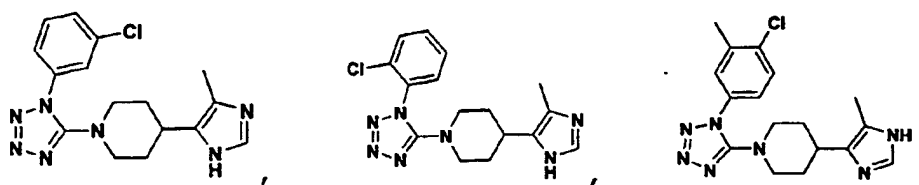




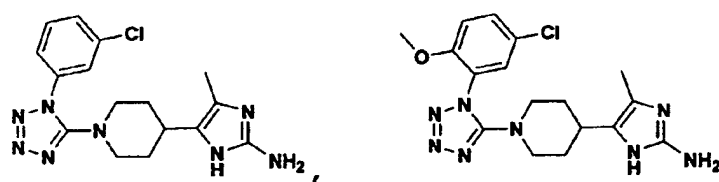
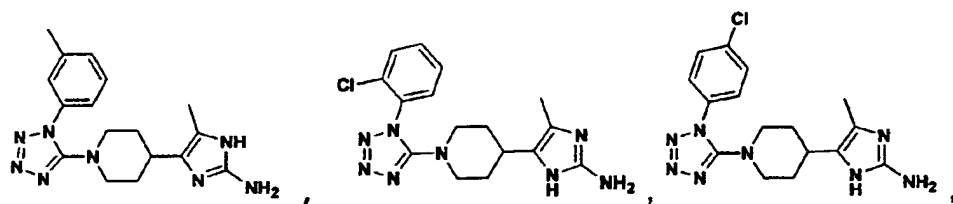
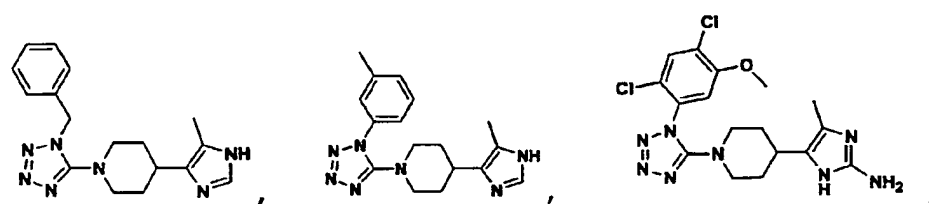




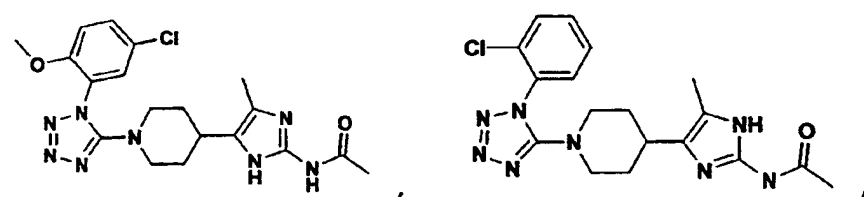
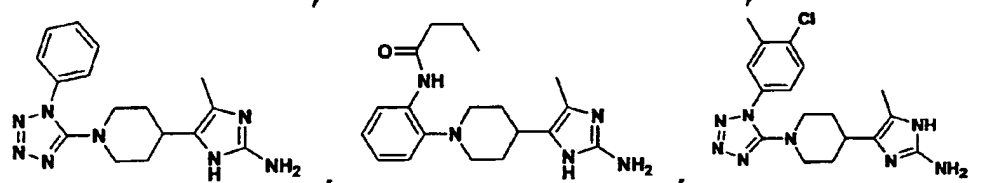


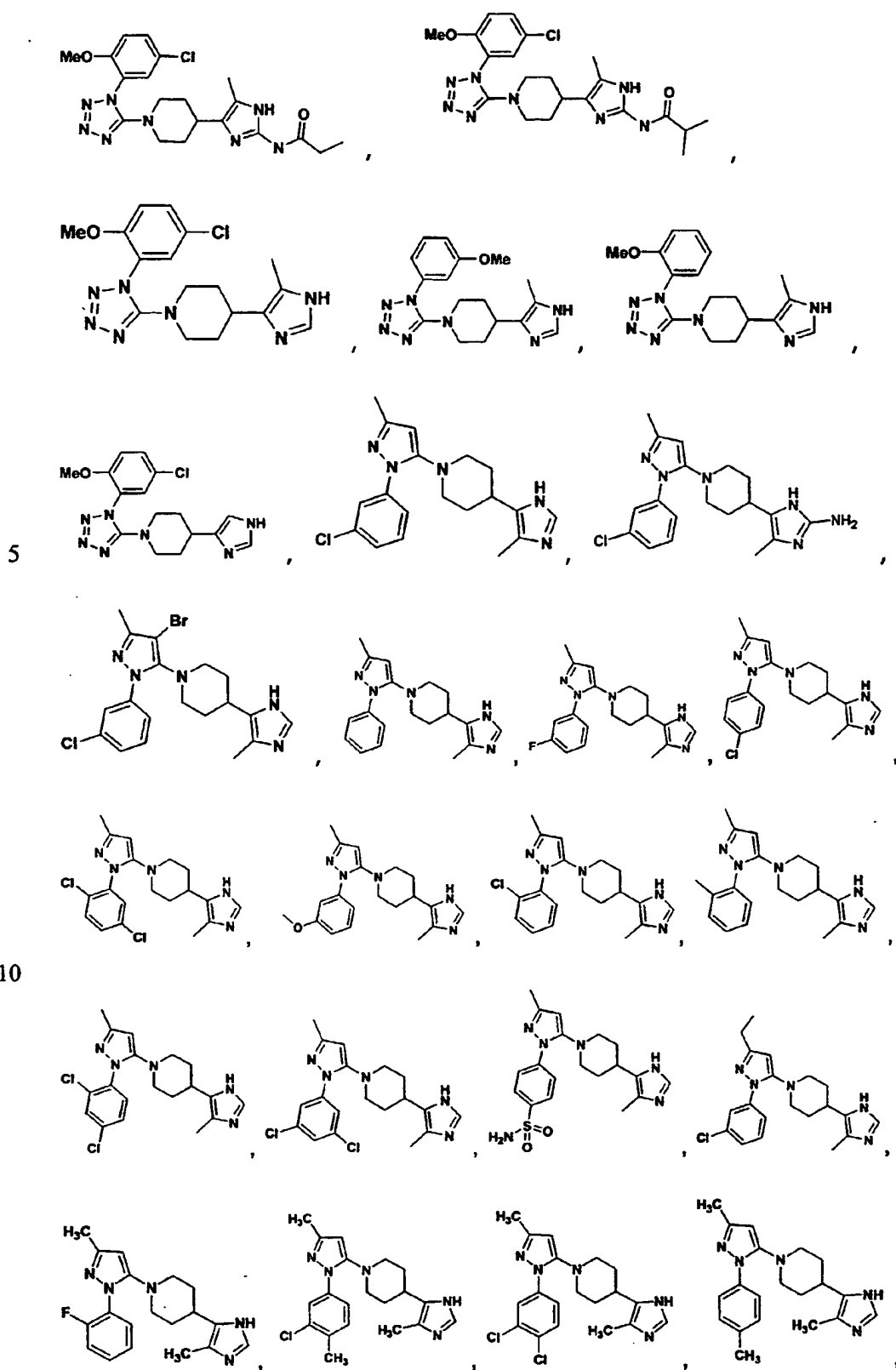


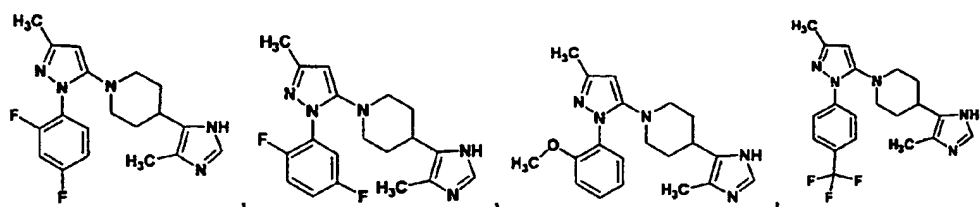
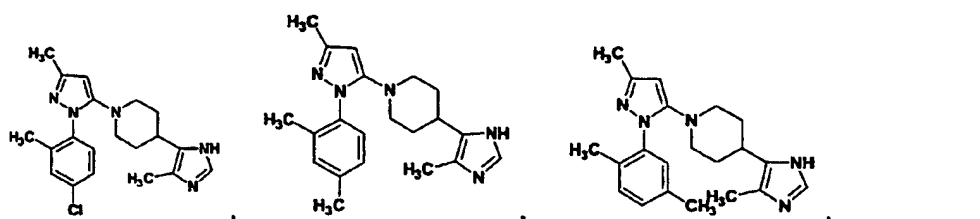
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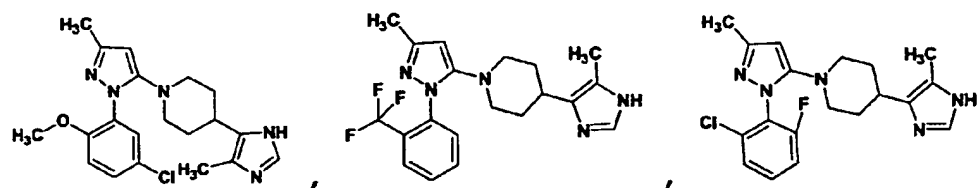
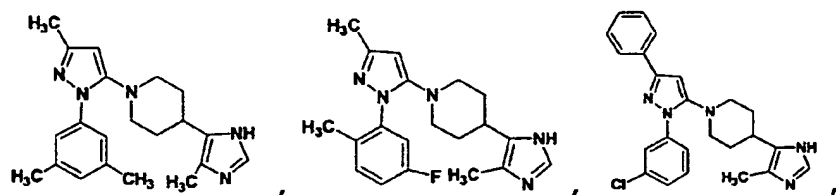
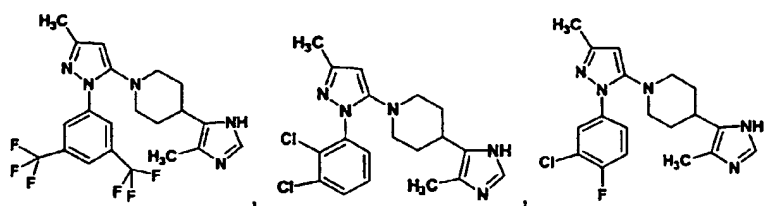
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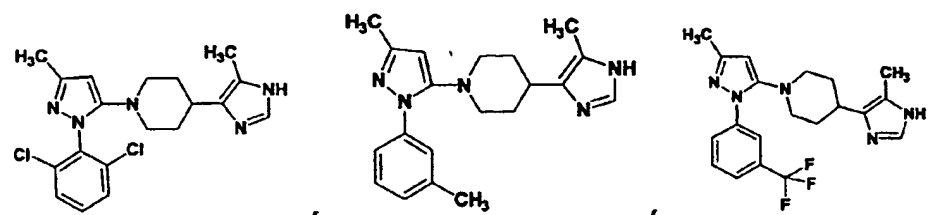




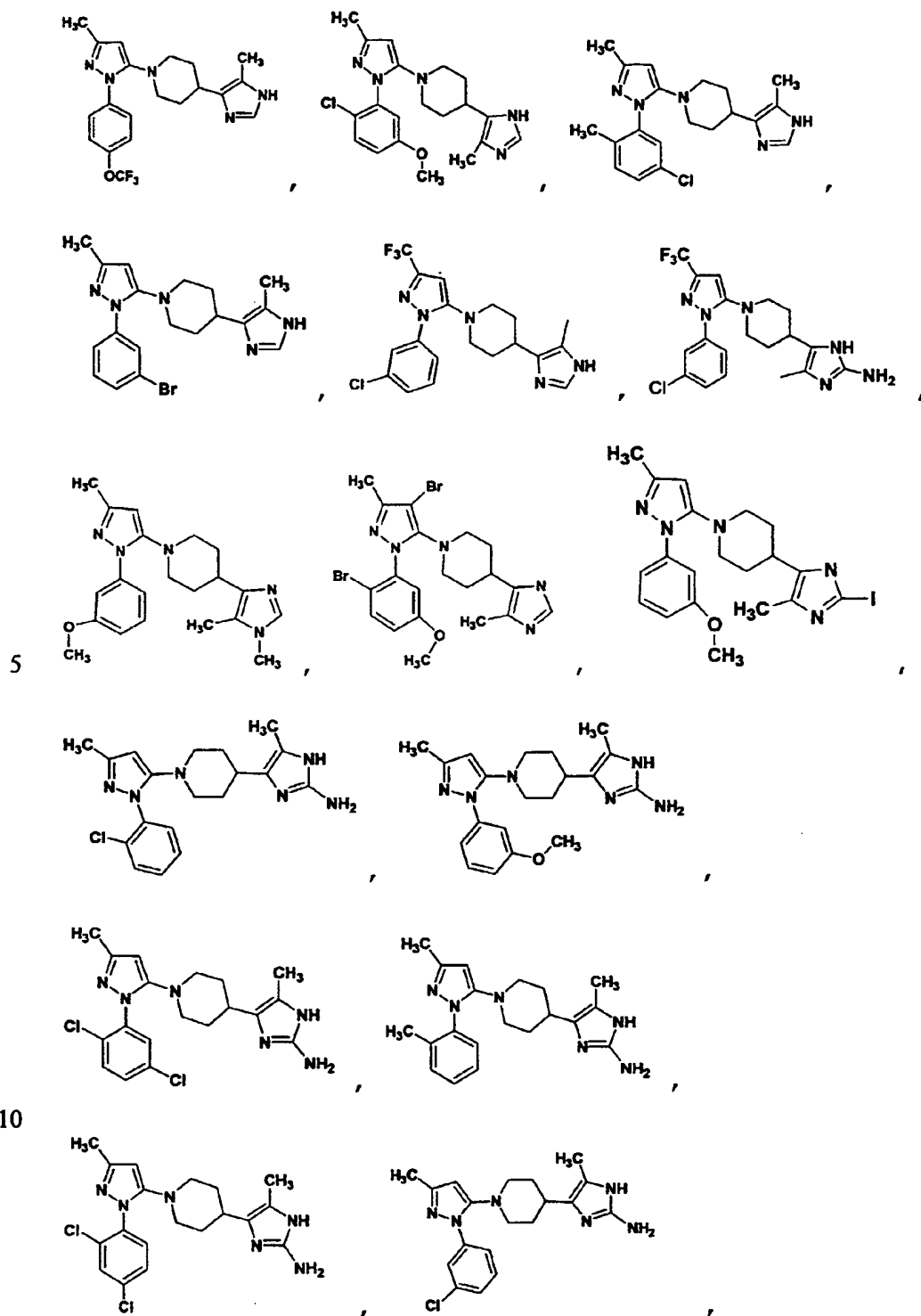
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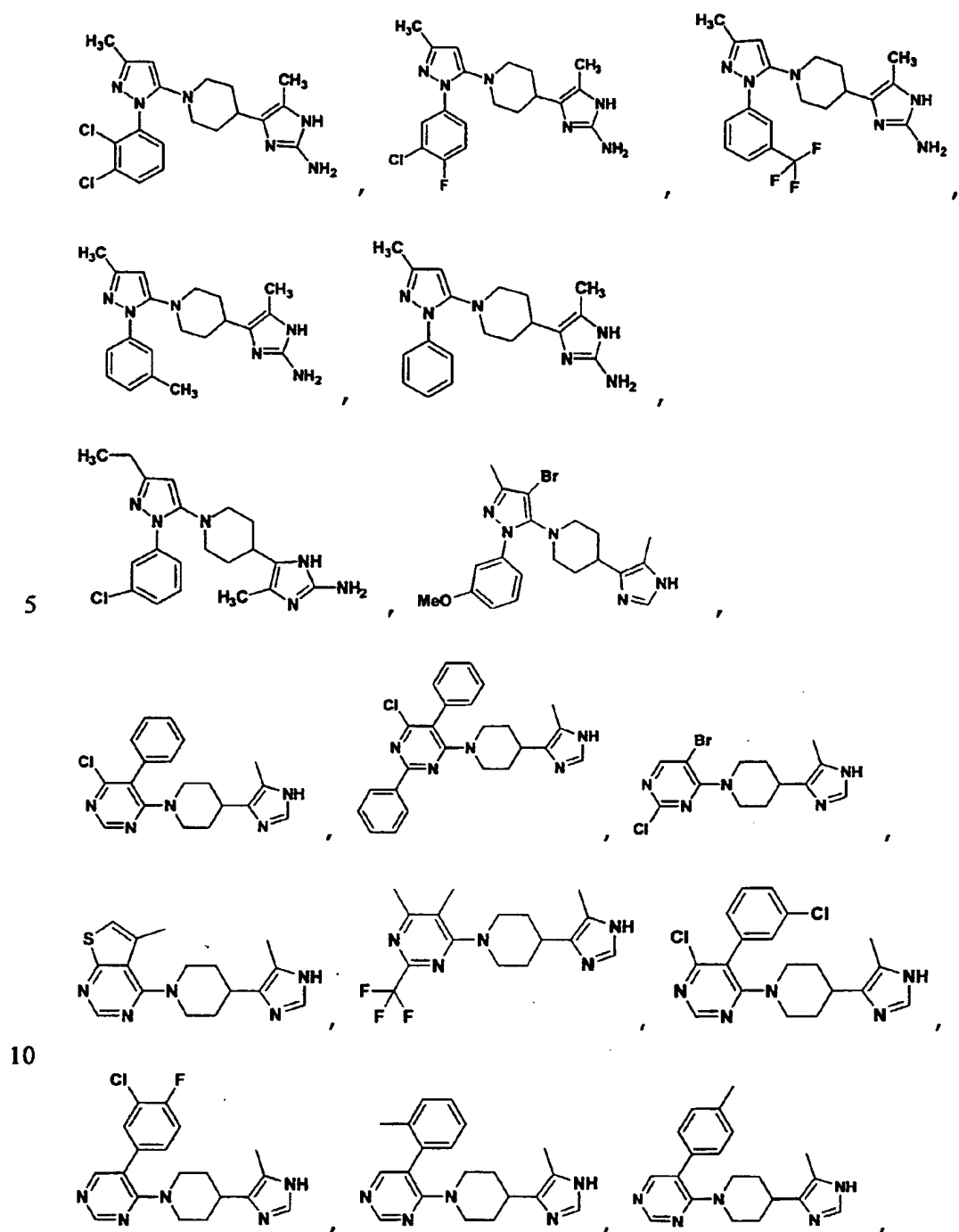


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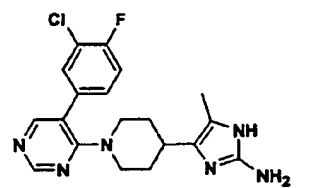
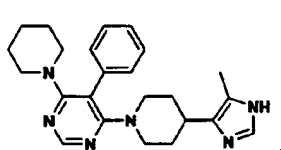
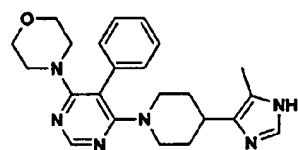
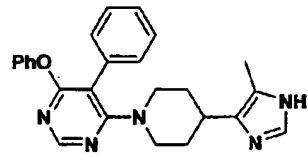
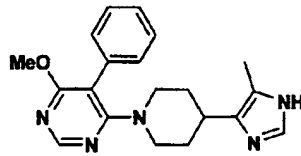
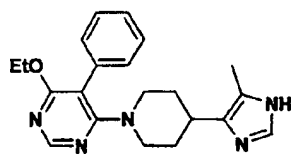
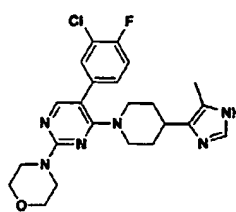
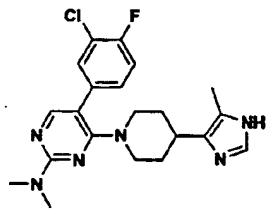
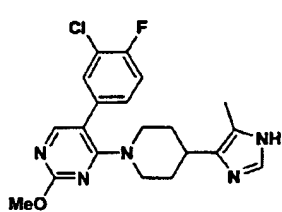




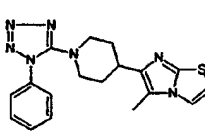
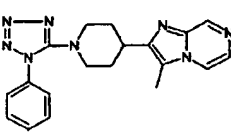
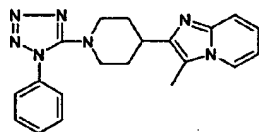
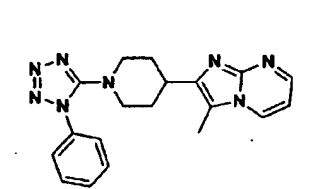
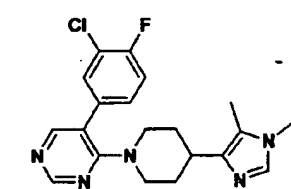
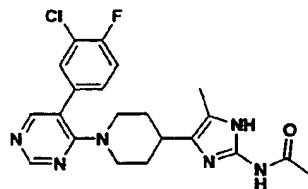




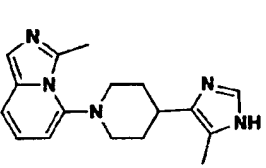
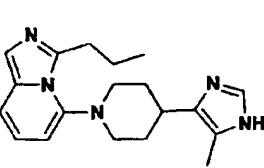
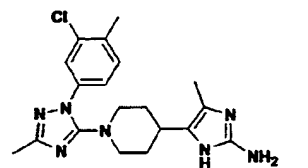
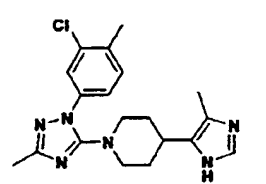
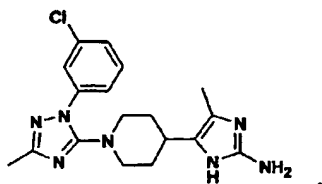
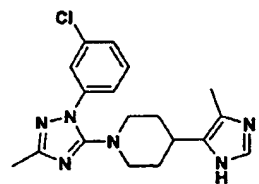


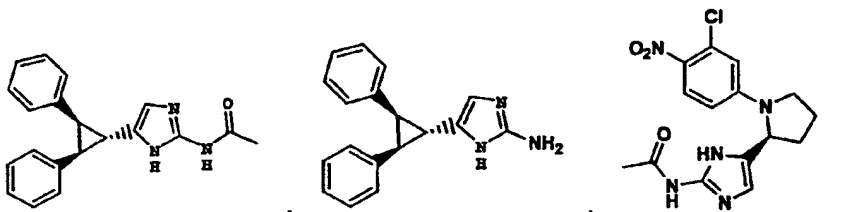
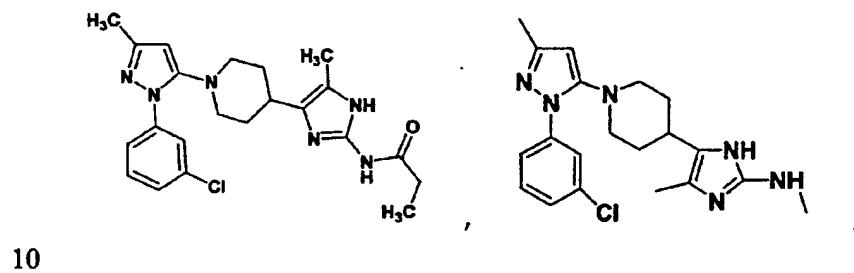
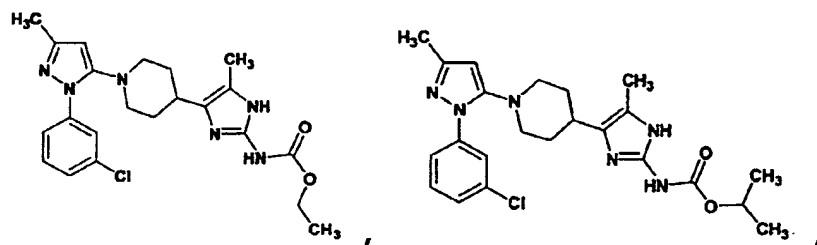
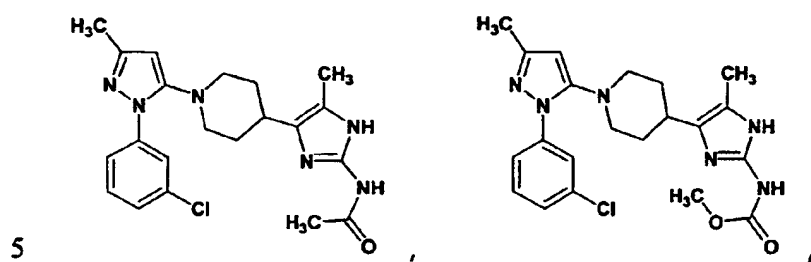
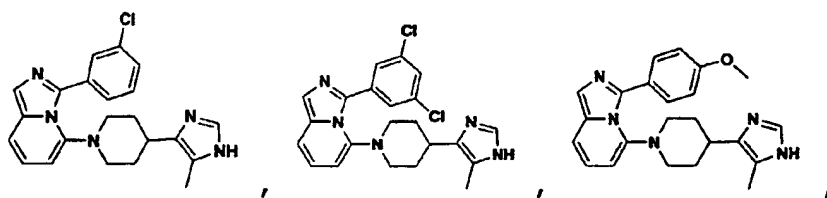
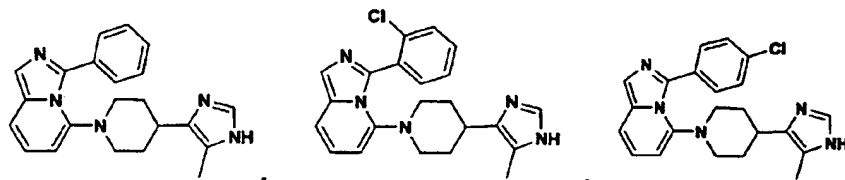


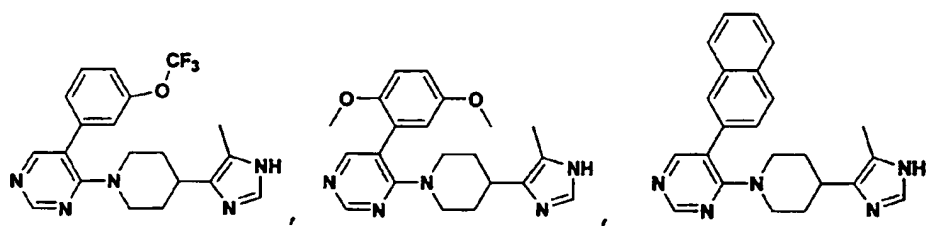
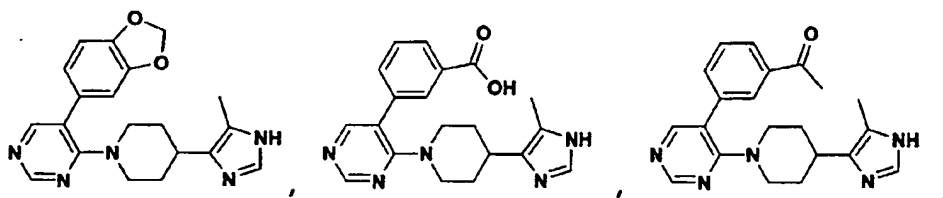
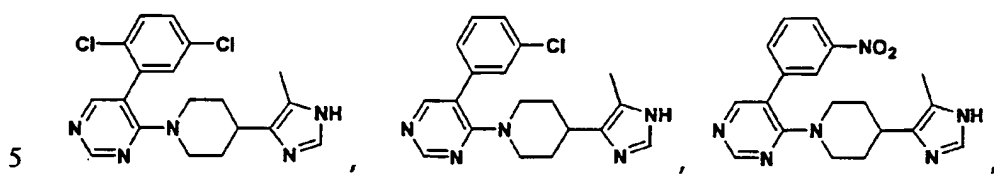
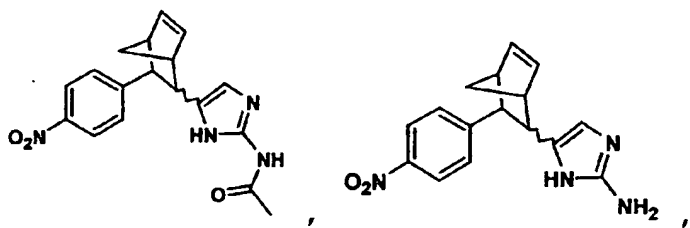
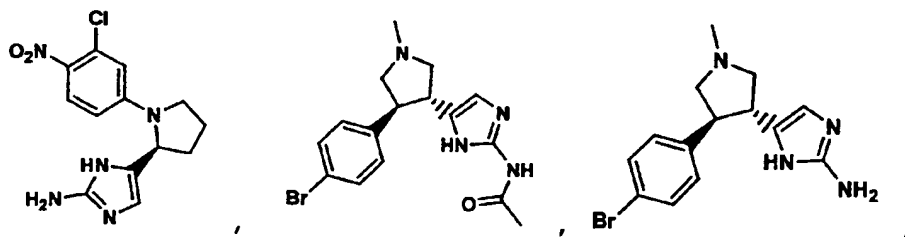
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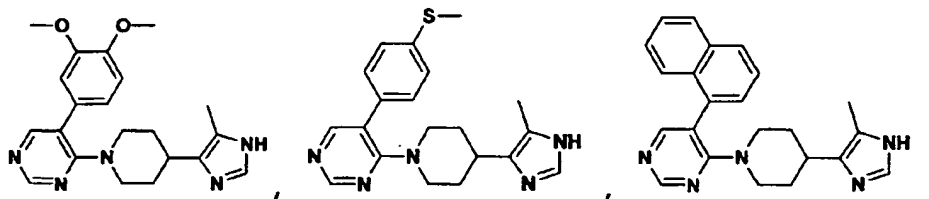
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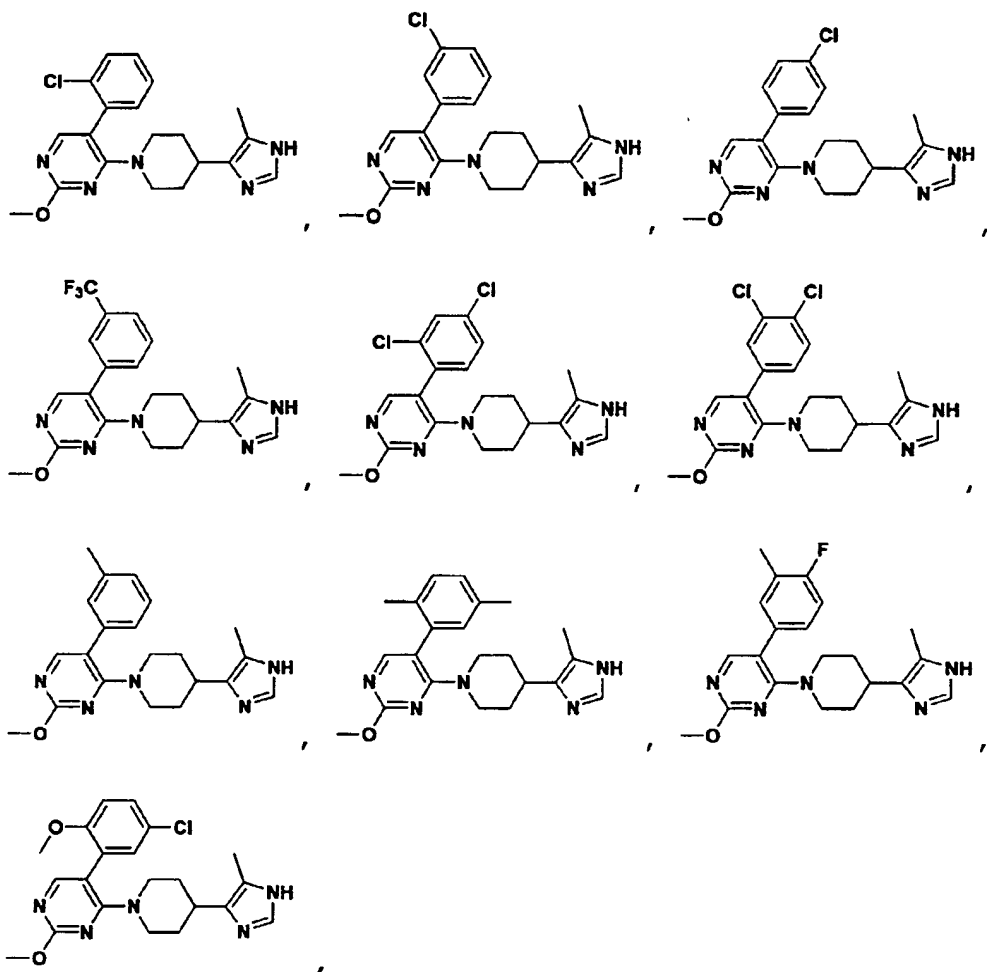






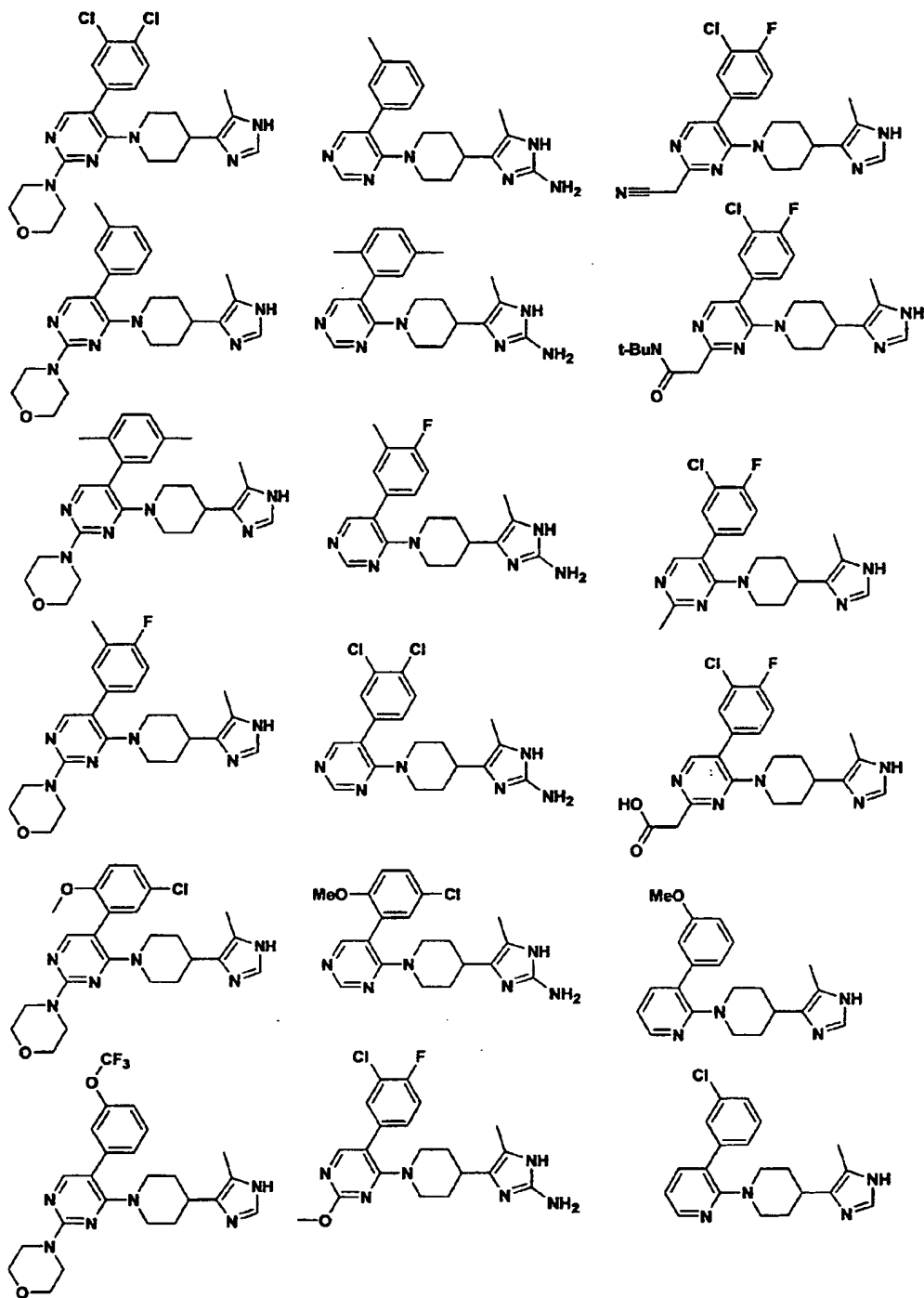
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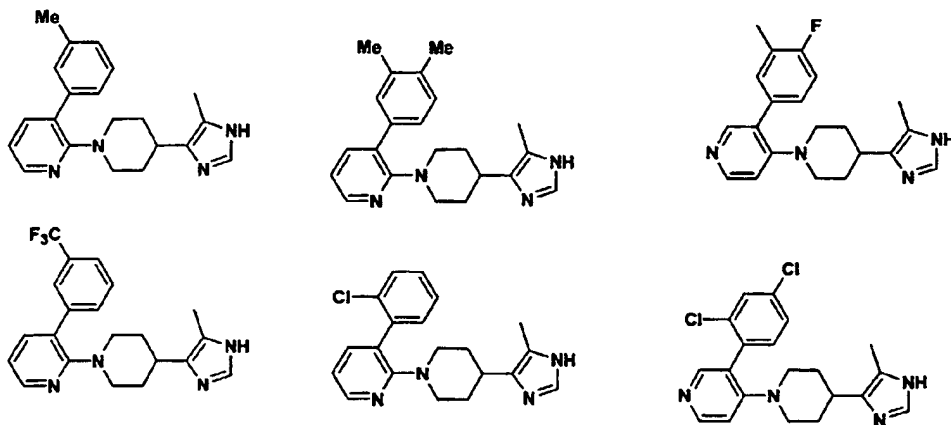






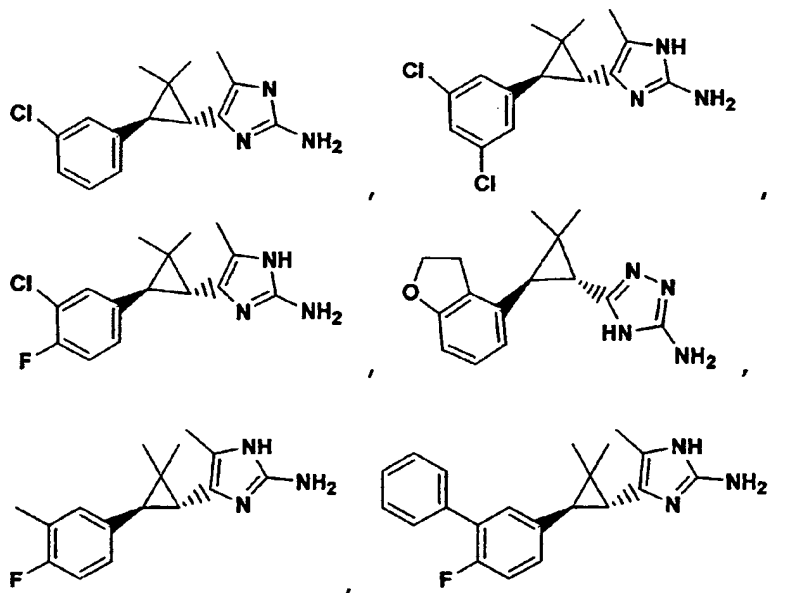




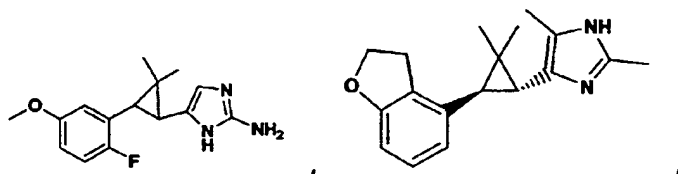


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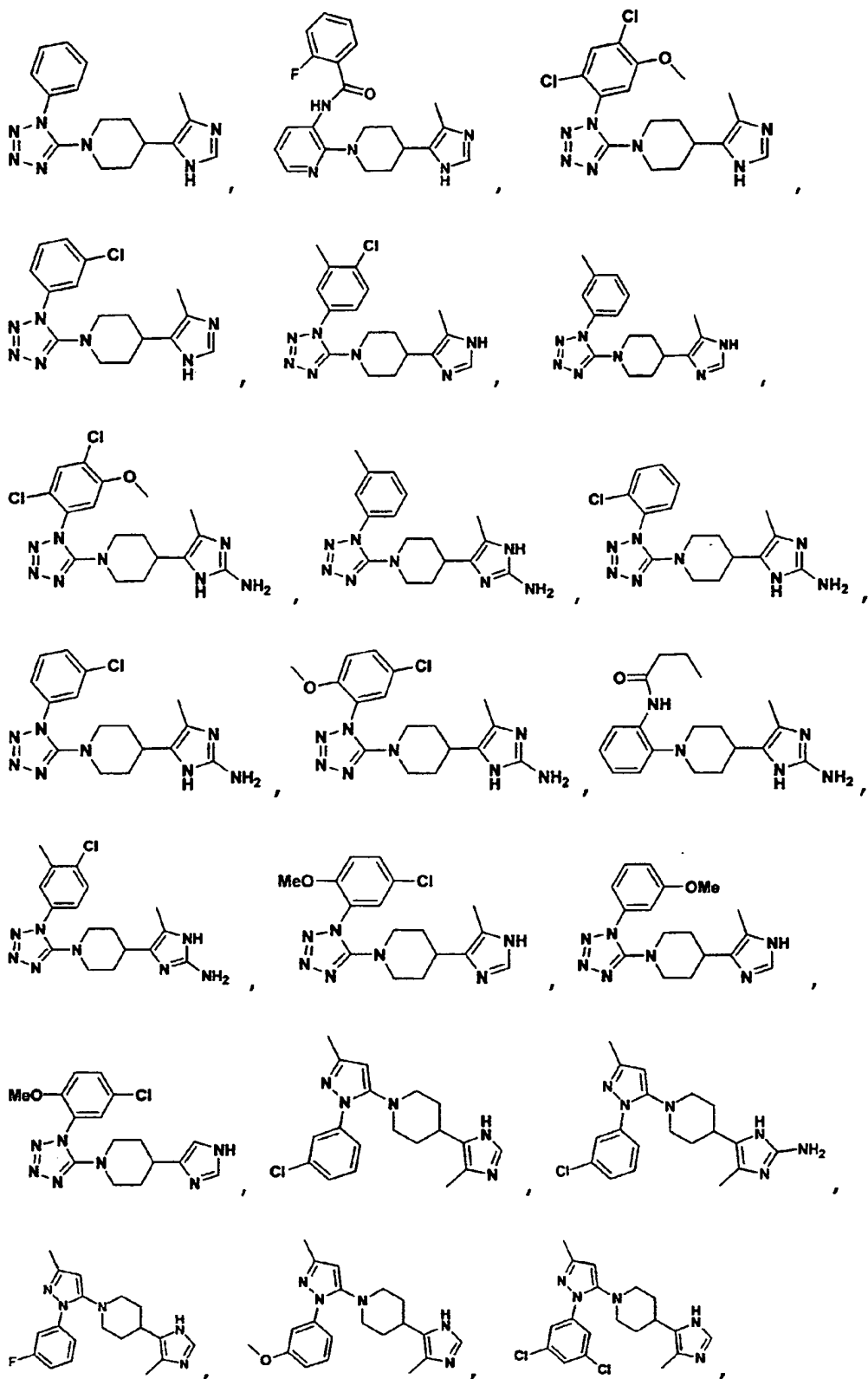
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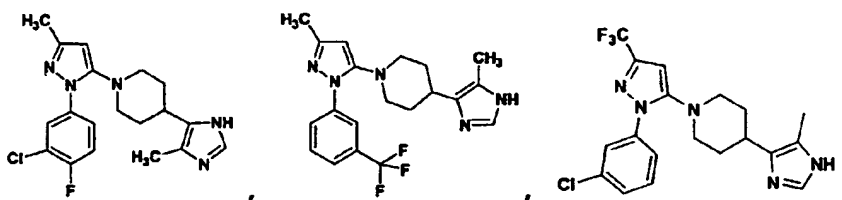
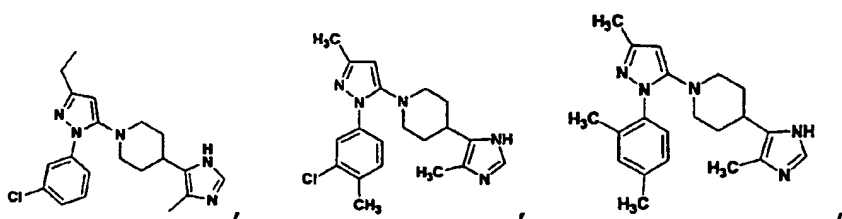


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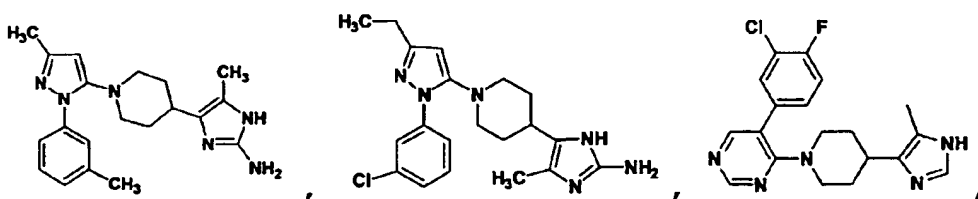
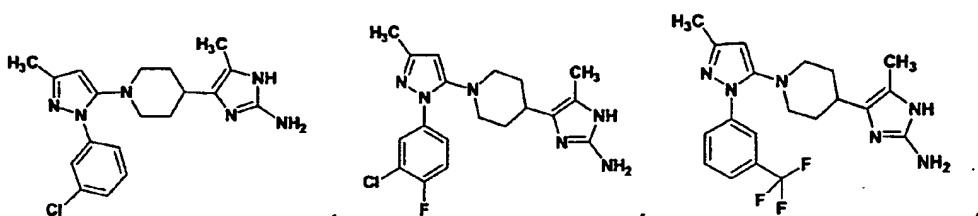
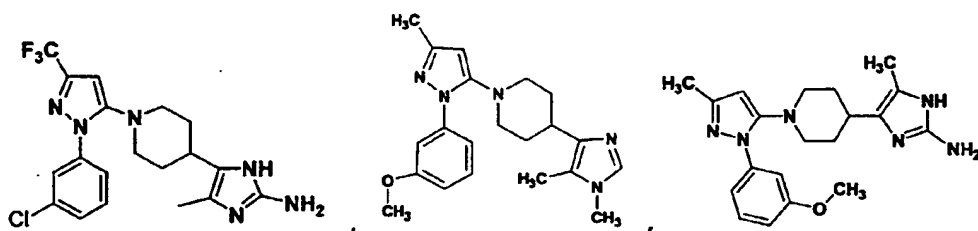




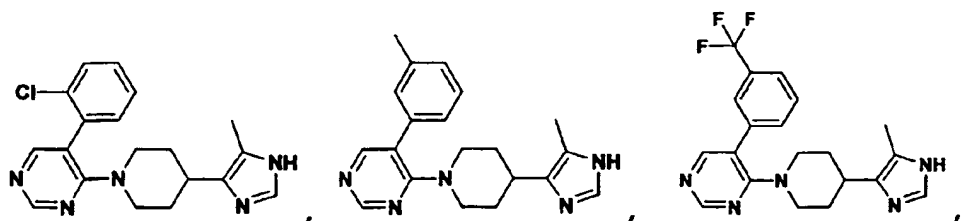


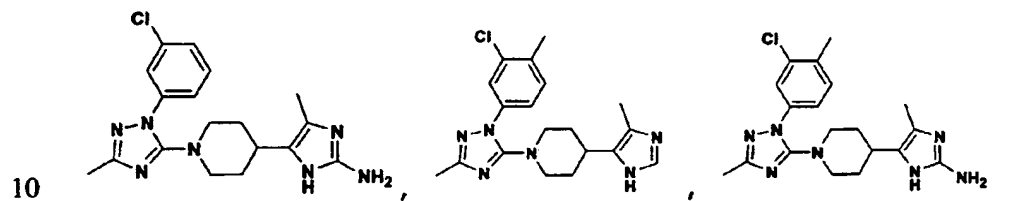
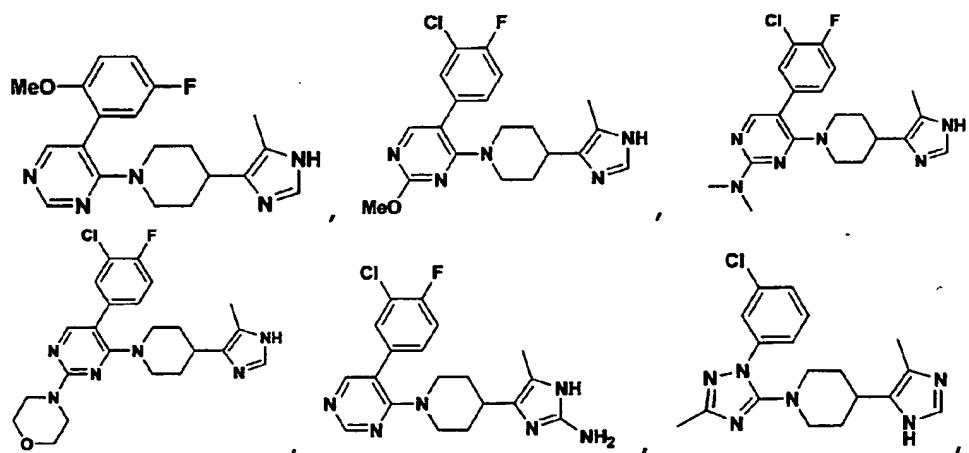
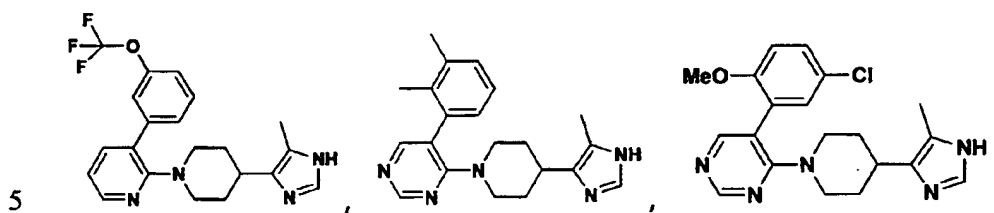
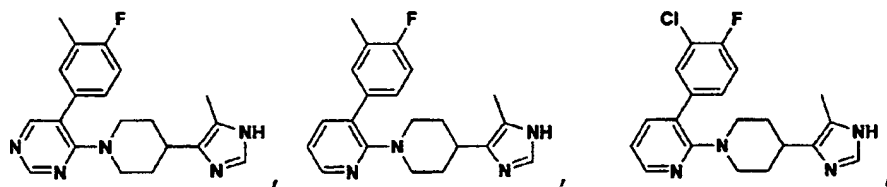
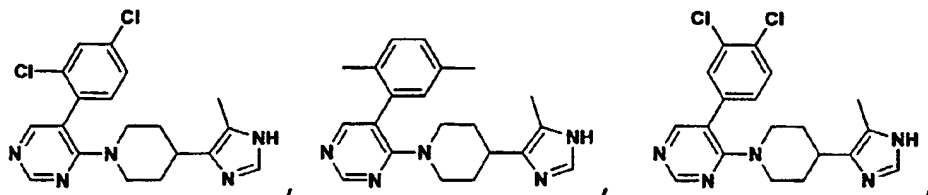


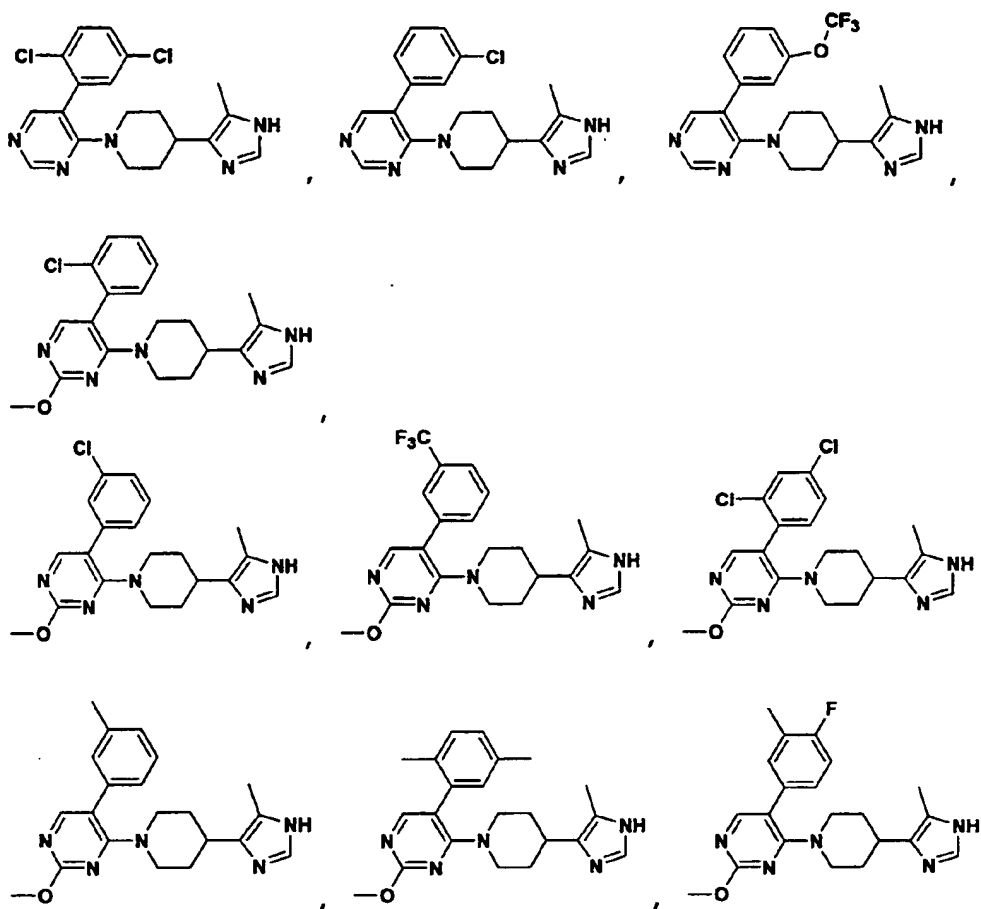
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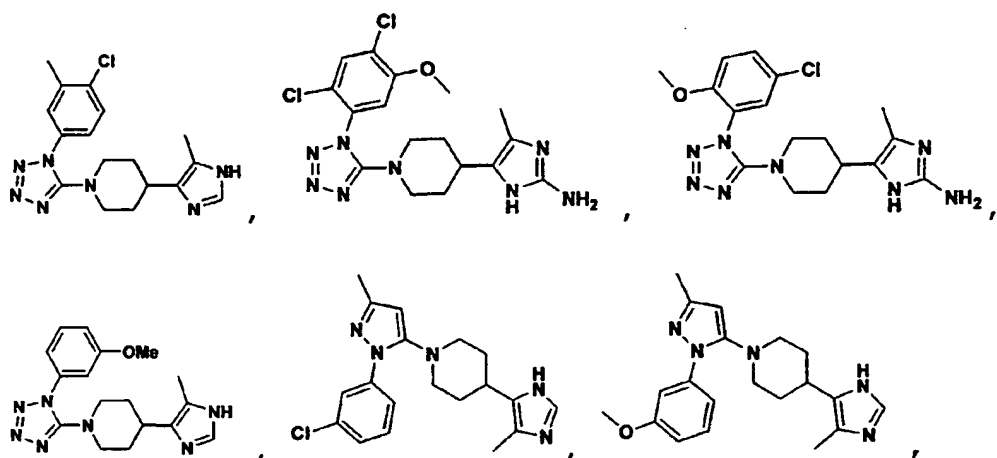


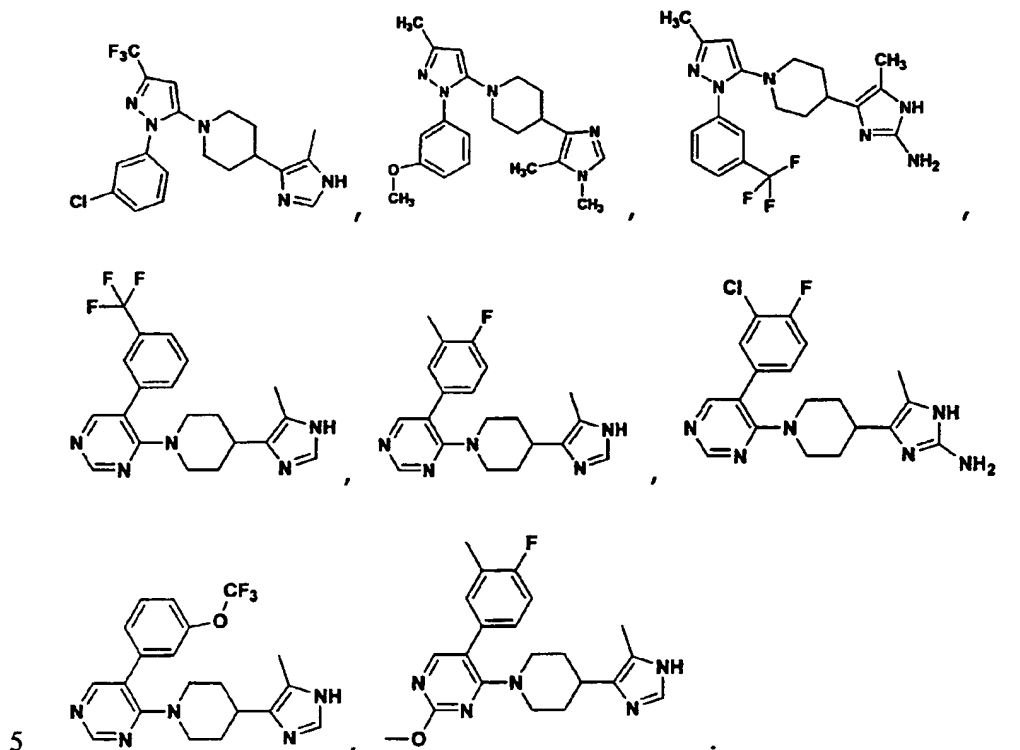


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30. The compound as defined in Claim 1 having the structure

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31. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound as defined in Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

32. A method for preventing or treating disorders caused by intracellular acidosis during myocardial ischemia, hypertension, angina pectoris, cardiac arrhythmia, reperfusion injury, myocardial necrosis, cardiac dysfunction, LDL-cholesterol, renal disease or heart failure, which comprises administering to a mammalian species in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in Claim 1.

33. A method for preventing or treating myocardial ischemia, which comprises administering to a mammalian species in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in Claim 1.

34. A method for preventing or treating an ischemic condition, which comprises administering to a mammalian species in need of treatment a therapeutically



effective amount of an antiischemic agent which is a compound as defined in Claim 1.

35. A method for preventing or treating a peripheral vascular disorder, which comprises  
5 administering to a mammalian species in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of an antiischemic agent which is a compound as defined in Claim 1.

36. A method for preventing or treating lower limb ischemia, which comprises administering to a mammalian  
10 species in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of an antiischemic agent which is a compound as defined in Claim 1.

37. The method as defined in Claim 34 wherein the peripheral vascular disorder is an ischemic condition.

15 38. The method as defined in Claim 33 wherein the ischemic condition is lower limb ischemia.

39. The method as defined in Claim 33 wherein the ischemic condition is peripheral atherosclerotic disease.

20 40. The method as defined in Claim 36 wherein the peripheral atherosclerotic disease involves intermittent claudication.

41. The method as defined in Claim 34 wherein the peripheral vascular disorder is Raynaud's disease or LeRiches Syndrome.

25 42. A method for the relief of symptoms of pain, paresthesia or discomfort in the lower limb and gluteal regions produced by arterial insufficiency where symptoms are initiated or worsened with ambulation, which comprises administering to a mammalian species in need of  
30 treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as defined in Claim 1.

43. A method for preventing or treating intermittent claudication, which comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically  
35 effective amount of a compound as defined in Claim 1.

44. A pharmaceutical combination comprising a compound as defined in Claim 1 in combination with tissue plasminogen activator (natural or recombinant), streptokinase, reteplase, activase, lanoteplase, urokinase, prourokinase, anisolated streptokinase plasminogen activator complex (ASPAC), or animal salivary gland plasminogen activators.

45. A pharmaceutical combination comprising a compound as defined in Claim 1 in combination with a platelet aggregation inhibitor, an inhibitor of  $\alpha$ -2-antiplasmin, a thromboxane receptor antagonist, a prostacyclin mimetic, a phosphodiesterase (PDE) inhibitor, a thromboxane A synthetase inhibitor, a serotonin-2-receptor antagonist, a fibrinogen receptor antagonist, aspirin, a hypolipidemic agent, an antidiabetic agent, an antihypertensive agent, a  $\beta$ -adrenergic agonist, an anticholinergic agent, an anti-inflammatory corticosteroid or an anti-inflammatory agent or an anti-arrhythmic agent and/or an antiosteoporosis agent.

46. The pharmaceutical combination as defined in Claim 45 wherein the platelet aggregation inhibitor is clopidogrel, ticlopidine, or CS-747, or ifetroban or aspirin.

47. The pharmaceutical combination as defined in Claim 45 wherein the antihypertensive agent is omapatrilat, gemopatrilat, lisinopril, fosinopril, irbesartan, losartan, valsartan, carvedilol or amlodipine besylate.

48. The pharmaceutical combination as defined in Claim 45 wherein the  $\beta$ -adrenergic agonist is albuterol, terbutaline, formoterol, fenoterol, salmeterol, bitolterol, or pilbuterol, and the anti-inflammatory agent is beclomethasone, triamcinolone, flurisolide, dexamethasone, budesonide, fluticasone, cromolyn, nedocromil, theophylline, zileuton, zafirleukast, monteleukast and pranleukast.

49. The pharmaceutical combination as defined in Claim 45 wherein the hypolipodemic agent is pravastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, fluvastatin, cerivastatin, AZ4522 or itavastatin.

5 50. A pharmaceutical combination comprising a compound as defined in Claim 1 and a lipid-lowering agent, an antidiabetic agent, an anti-obesity agent, an antihypertensive agent, a platelet aggregation inhibitor, and/or an antiosteoporosis agent.

10 51. The pharmaceutical combination as defined in Claim 50 comprising said compound and an antidiabetic agent.

52. The combination as defined in Claim 51 wherein the antidiabetic agent is 1, 2, 3 or more of a biguanide,  
15 a sulfonyl urea, a glucosidase inhibitor, a PPAR  $\gamma$  agonist, a PPAR  $\alpha/\gamma$  dual agonist, an SGLT2 inhibitor, a DP4 inhibitor, an  $\alpha P2$  inhibitor, an insulin sensitizer, a glucagon-like peptide-1 (GLP-1), insulin and/or a meglitinide.

20 53. The combination as defined in Claim 52 wherein the antidiabetic agent is 1, 2, 3 or more of metformin, glyburide, glimepiride, glipyrizide, glipizide, chlorpropamide, gliclazide, acarbose, miglitol, pioglitazone, troglitazone, rosiglitazone, insulin, Gl-  
25 262570, isaglitazone, JTT-501, NN-2344, L895645, YM-440, R-119702, AJ9677, repaglinide, nateglinide, KAD1129, AR-HO39242, GW-409544, KRP297, AC2993, LY315902, P32/98 and/or NVP-DPP-728A.

54. The combination as defined in Claim 52 wherein  
30 the compound is present in a weight ratio to the antidiabetic agent within the range from about 0.001 to about 100:1.

55. The combination as defined in Claim 51 wherein the anti-obesity agent is a beta 3 adrenergic agonist, a  
35 lipase inhibitor, a serotonin (and dopamine) reuptake inhibitor, a thyroid receptor beta compound, an  $\alpha P2$  inhibitor and/or an anorectic agent.

56. The combination as defined in Claim 55 wherein the anti-obesity agent is orlistat, ATL-962, AJ9677, L750355, CP331648, sibutramine, topiramate, axokine, dexamphetamine, phentermine, phenylpropanolamine, and/or mazindol.

57. The combination as defined in Claim 51 wherein the lipid lowering agent is an MTP inhibitor, an HMG CoA reductase inhibitor, a squalene synthetase inhibitor, a fibric acid derivative, an upregulator of LDL receptor activity, a lipoxxygenase inhibitor, or an ACAT inhibitor.

58. The combination as defined in Claim 57 wherein the lipid lowering agent is pravastatin, lovastatin, simvastatin, atorvastatin, cerivastatin, fluvastatin, itavastatin, visastatin, fenofibrate, gemfibrozil, clofibrate, avasimibe, TS-962, MD-700, cholestagel, niacin and/or LY295427.

59. The combination as defined in Claim 57 wherein the compound is present in a weight ratio to the lipid-lowering agent within the range from about 0.001:1 to about 100:1.

60. The combination as defined in Claim 50 wherein the antihypertensive agent is an ACE inhibitor, angiotensin II receptor antagonist, NEP/ACE inhibitor, calcium channel blocker and/or  $\beta$ -adrenergic blocker.

61. The combination as defined in Claim 60 wherein the antihypertensive agent is an ACE inhibitor which is captopril, fosinopril, enalapril, lisinopril, quinapril, benazepril, fentiapril, ramipril or moexipril;

an NEP/ACE inhibitor which is omapatrilat, [S[(R\*,R\*)]-hexahydro-6-[(2-mercapto-1-oxo-3-phenylpropyl)amino]-2,2-dimethyl-7-oxo-1H-azepine-1-acetic acid (gemopatrilat) or CGS 30440;

an angiotensin II receptor antagonist which is irbesartan, losartan or valsartan;

amlodipine besylate, prazosin HCl, verapamil, nifedipine, nadolol, propranolol, carvedilol, or clonidine HCl.

62. The combination as defined in Claim 50 wherein the platelet aggregation inhibitor is aspirin, clopidogrel, ticlopidine, dipyridamole or ifetroban.